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La Barca, Jalisco, Mexico, Feb. 23, '90.

Rev. N. T. Clark, D.D.
Somerset St., Boston, Mass., U.S.A.

Dear Brother:

I think I may with propriety talk with you, this Sabbath morning, about the situation here. Just over there, in the great church not 50 yards away, the great congregation is hymning praise to the Blessed Virgin, and all through the town one finds the rush of all sorts of business and diversion as on no other day.

During the week just closed there have been about the usual opportunities, brief mention of some of which may be of interest. An enterprising young physician has asked the privilege of studying English with me, coming to my study three times a week. I willingly take the time, feeling sure that influences will reach him.

Mon., 24th

A very interesting visit was that of a man from near Tangancicuaro, away beyond Zamora, a region of great darkness and fanaticism. This man came to know us by passing along the street here at the hour of evening service Feb. 2. From his grandfather the family has been protestant. They came from Morelia to their present home somewhat recently. Are entirely isolated. Seem to be people industrious and well to do.

Sarco Silva

Mr. Pearce

He was much encouraged to find us here, only forty or fifty miles distant! Two other families near them have learned something of the Gospel through them. The temper of their region may be inferred from the following incident: The past season a neighbor took wheat land of them on shares. The grain being harvested, the priest called up this neighbor, declared him under the lesser excommunion, to remove which he submitted to pay a fine of 62¢ on each 'carga', or mule-load of his share again amounting to upwards of $12.00 and to be publicly chastised with rods in the church ~~at Tanganicuaro~~ of the town. Nevertheless, people are noticing and wondering that the land of these "heretics" ~~Sitoad~~ brings forth rather more abundantly than good "catholic" soil adjoining, in spite of excommunion. not It is a privilege to tell something of the Gospel to people like these. And their isolation reminds one how willing he should be to hold up the light on the borders of a darkness deeper even than it is just here. ~~They come here with lumber and I hope to see more of them.~~

"Our audiences last Sabbath were characteristic; indeed many would not call them audiences at all. Some of the opportunities were in the streets. One man whom I accosted in one of the worst parts of town, seemed quite forbidding in manner, yet he followed me till he came up where I was talking with others, and asked for

another of the notices of service. A good opportunity was found here for reading to them from the Romish Testament. Later, two men who came in for purely secular reasons were ~~beguiled~~ led into my study for a quiet talk and reading. At night there were some attentive hearers outside.

Tues., 26. Your very kind letter came to hand last week. We realized that illness caused delay, and are re=joiced that you are again able to take up the work.

We feel that you take a very considerate view (in your kind letter of Feb. 11th) of the situation here; — a view, withal, that places a large responsibility upon us, as regards the duty of continuance or retirement from La Barca.

Sometimes our hearts go down, ~~down~~ at seeing, in one sense, no tangible results. Then we are reminded, on the other hand of the basis of work that has been gained, in the changed feeling of many, the positive respect that has been won. Then we think of the precious opportunities, discoverable now as they were not formerly, for direct personal appeals to men in the Master's name. Yet these things make no figure in reports. Men look thoughtful, but go their way. Then we remember the iron grip that is kept upon all the dependent class, by the few magnates, — by men who are pillars in church and society here, — and are at this moment renewing the annual preparations

for that carnaval of sin, a two weeks festival of bull-fights, cock-fights, gambling and carousal."

Then it comes over us that if we were holier, more faithful, stronger with divine strength, surely there must come a break. A deep work will begin. Men will see their supreme need and break away from such trammels.

I felt that I must be less burdened this year with work on El Testigo, with a view to more work here in the 'highways and hedges'. In fact, we felt it proper to through the question of the continuance of the paper pretty largely upon our brethren in S., + did so. But over and through it all, the question of what we ought to do is ever present. We are making it, anew, a subject of special prayer. We cannot doubt you too are doing so. We would rather work here, have this for our parish, than any other, if only God so wills, if He may be pleased to mark His approval of our effort. If ever there was a flock without an under-shepherd, here is one, + a large one.

The question seems to us to be narrowed down to a choice between La Barca and retirement from the field. Much as we would prefer work in La Barca, we should not hesitate to go to Guadalajara if it were apparent that we were needed. Touring, as the recent Zapotlanejo case suggests, has its limitations here. And really

Mr. Moore

I do not think Brother Vowland would feel that the work would justify ~~us~~ our again making the city our head=quarters. Nevertheless, over and above the press=ing need & demand for doing what our hands find to do today, there is the question, what will We have up do tomorrow.

We are looking forward, with hope of true re=freshment and aid, to the Conference in Tural, in April. I hope it may be possible for wife to go with me. Would that we might meet you there and have your company on the return and in attendance upon Annual Meeting in Gua=dalajara.

Very truly yours,

Henry M. Bissell.

Rev. H. M.

La Barca

Feb. 23 1890

La Barca, Jalisco, Mexico, June 19, 1890.

Rev. N. J. Clark, D.D.
1 Somerset St., Boston, Mass., U.S.A.

Dear Brother:

On the fourth of this month we were called to part with our little one, Ernest Stowell, a babe of seven months and two weeks. His sickness, caused by teething, had not been long and the issue took us completely by surprise. At evening he seemed to be doing well on the whole; at 11 P.M. meningitis set in, and before 1 A.M. he had left us.

We were able to remove his remains to Guadalajara, where lots are secured for the three families, Fowler, Crawfords & ours, adjoining;—an arrangement for which we are devoutly thankful. Thither we intend to remove the remains of our little Stanley, buried here nearly four years ago.

Yours of May 31st came duly to hand on the 10th. Apparently it was written just before the arrival of mine of May 21st. I take it we should consider it an answer to mine in part.

As further reply from you does not yet come to hand, it seems to me I would do well to tell you just what is on our minds. Perhaps there seems to be a little doubt as to what is to be wanted of us in

the near future. Work here in Jalisco hardly seems to demand, or even justify, our remaining. Our oldest son ought to be placed where he can have school privileges. My own health would doubtless be greatly invigorated for a fresh campaign, by a season of out-door work on the farm; not that this alone would be sufficient to suggest a vacation, but it is true that the circumstances and surroundings here have taken away something of that physical tone & vigor which a little time on the farm has always been quick to restore.

Taking into account then the points indicated, together with the probability of some change in any case, — might not the moment be opportune for a run of from four to six months to the States? — or even a less time. If thought best, allow us our salary as now, and trust we should not need to call for any further allowance for the trip. Meanwhile the horizon would clear. If it should prove that the Board found no opening where they wish to locate us, — a contingency which we earnestly hope may not become reality — we should accept the situation there as we should here, sorrowfully but promptly. We only ~~have been~~ (of those in Mexico here) have been nearly eight years without a let up. Yet the time does not seem long and we should not begin to think of a change if circumstances did not seem to suggest it, along with the expectation that longer service would follow. If the suggestion is approved at the Rooms I do not think there would be any questions about the approval of this Mission. It would be desirable to move in the matter as soon as is convenient. Very truly yours, Henry M. Bissell.

Rev. Henry M. Bissell.

La Barca, June 19. 1890.

Rec'd July 7. ✓

La Barca, Jal., Mexico, 7/22/90.

Rev. N. J. Clark, D.D.
1 Somerset St., Boston, Mass., U.S.A.

Dear Brother:

Your kind letter came to hand a few days since. We do sincerely thank you for those words of sympathy.

We wish, though, you, to thank the Prudential Committee for the leave of absence which your letter conveys. We hope to so spend the time as to be stronger & better for future service, & that the way may indeed clear in regard to that, as you suggest.

Mr. Howland was with us when your letter came. Mr. Howland came next day, Friday, spending the Sabbath here. They fully concur, so that we are at once making the necessary arrangements, expecting to spend August 8–10 with them in J., starting north on the 11th, stopping perhaps a day at Guadalajara with Mr. & Mrs. Wright, – then on to Wichita, Kansas, for a short visit with relatives, and later to Wheaton, Ill. I will keep you informed of our whereabouts, and we shall be deeply interested in the developments that are, under divine guidance, to determine our coming work.

Mrs. Bissell joins me in kindest regards.

Very truly yours, Henry M. Bissell

H. McNeill

July 22 1890

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D. M. Bennett

Juarez, Mexico, Aug. 15, 1890.

Rev. N. F. Clark, D.D.
1 Somerset St., Boston, U.S.A.

Dear Brother:

After the word came really authorizing to 'take up our carriages' we were so exceedingly busy that I have neglected to write you.

We were rejoiced to be able to leave Rev. Miguel Magdalena & family in La Barca, feeling that they are the most efficient workers that we have associated with us. We left Guadalajara Wed., Aug. 13; all friends being in good health. met the Eatons at train in Chihuahua, & have passed a restful Sabbath with the Wights and Mr. Olds. Miss Field arrived yesterday. There is good reason to feel much satisfaction with the location & building secured here for the school; central & commodious.

I intended writing you more fully but cannot today. After a short stay with relatives at Wichita, Kansas, our more permanent address will be Wheaton, DuPage Co., Ill. I expect to write again soon, & shall look with interest for word from yourself, as indicating further developments.

Right glad are we to learn that Brother Case has returned reïnvigorated to his field.

We expect to leave here this afternoon.

Very truly yours,

Henry M. Bissell.

Wheaton, Ill., Sept. 5, 1890.

Rev. N. J. Clark, D. D.,
1 Somerset St., Boston, Mass.

Dear Brother:

Two days since we arrived here and feel ourselves at home. In fact, we have felt ourselves nearly at home ever since we came upon American soil and have been drinking in the evidences of American thrift and progress. The most striking evidence which we have seen, of the radical difference between the two peoples, was that presented in the first Protestant service which we had the privilege of attending. It chanced to be a mid-week prayermeeting and brought out clearly the relation that exists between pastor and flock, and the readiness and ability of many a flock (this was away in Kansas) to take an intelligent & profitable part in such a service, being led to an ever deepening insight into the Divine Word.

We find it most natural to look also back to old Jalisco & speak of that as "home." We are daily expecting to hear from those we have left behind hard at work. The work really passes closely upon Mr. Rowland now, and we are still helping on the "Testigo" by occasional articles and by continuing the

translation of "Plain Reasons" — a work which we purpose to complete during these months of rest. As matters are now, Mr. Hovlands hands are so occupied that he can do next to nothing on the work of Bible translation. Perhaps ~~few~~ no missionary in Mexico is better qualified than he to aid in this work. It would seem that the new version now being pushed through is likely to stand in the way of any other version for a long time to come, so that it ought to receive the very best study that can be put upon it by the most able representatives of the various Boards.

We expect to make Wheaton our home during these months. We shall await with great interest indications as to the future.

Mrs. Bissell unites with me in expressions of kind regard.

Very truly yours,

Henry M. Bissell.

Rev. Henry H. Russell
Wheaton, Sept. 5, 1890
Rec'd Sept. 8

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Wheaton, Ill., Oct. 25, 1890.

Rev. N. G. Clark, D.D.,
Somerset St., Boston, Mass.

Dear Brother:

Our minds are set at rest by the formal & unanimous request of the Northern Mission, that we join them in that field. We have written thanking them for the cordial invitation and accepting — i.e., indicating our willingness to accept — the same.

As to time, it would be desirable to be present in the Conference at El Paso, Dec. 23–25. But that would shorten our stay to the shortest limit mentioned, — four months — and would quite preclude the idea of recuperation to any very considerable extent. I have written that we can do it, can come to that date, if it seems very essential that we do so. Yet an extension of two months time, ~~so~~ if it could be granted without causing vital interests to suffer there, would seem to be economy of strength with little increase of actual cost. It is eight years since I have had any such exercise as I am now taking daily swinging the ax. If we are needed in December this must very soon be laid aside, as we must go to Oberlin, to New York, & to other points in Illinois. Nevertheless we shall obey marching orders cheerfully, and make the best of the time meanwhile. Yours very truly, Henry M. Bissell.

(N. Marcos)
Oct. 25. 1890

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Wheaton, Ill., Oct. 29, 1890.

Rev. N. S. Clark, D.D.
1 Somerset St., Boston.

Dear Brother:

Your letter noting our transfer & appointment to Pascal is at hand, as also one from Brother Case. I want to tell you we are deeply impressed with the appointment to so important a work, and I must add that we are seriously considering the propriety of getting there at the time indicated, i.e., to be on hand at the December meeting. Excuse extreme haste at this moment and — may I ask for your kind remembrance. We greatly need divine help for that field.

Yours, Henry M. Bissell.

Rec'd Oct. 29, 1890

Chicago, Oct. 30. Have word from Oberlin to the effect that, altho they are caring (in a sense) for a few children of missionaries, such as are mature enough to care mostly for themselves, they have not, at present, any way of taking in our boy of 12 years. We are greatly disappointed & surprised, having supposed there would be no question about it. We must decide something very speedily. Shall write to Auburndale, — tho it occurs to us that perhaps it may seem best to take the lad back to Parral for a year. It would be, on some account, very pleasant to us to do so.

D. C. Clark.

Wheaton, Ill., Nov. 5, 1890.

Rev. N. G. Clark, D.D.
1 Somerset St. Boston, Mass.

Dear Brother:

We are working with renewed zest in planning for return. Expect to leave here in about a week, to spend some time in New York State.

About one matter I have some concern. We had hoped that in the months spent here we should be able to so reduce expense that the cost of travel would not embarass our account. With six months I believe we should have done it. You kindly suggested, at Minneapolis that in case we found ourselves in difficulty in some such way, you thought relief might be afforded. It may be that we shall have need to ask for some concession of this kind. We will write about it again as it becomes more clear.

Mrs. Bissell unites with me in kindest regards.

Very truly yours, Henry M. Bissell.

Wheaton, Nov. 5, 1890

Rec'd Nov. 10

A. B. C. F. M.

Western Mexico Mission.

Station, Guadalajara.	Out-station, La Barca.
Rev. John Howland.	Rev. Henry M. Bissell.

Norford, N.Y.
~~La Barca, Jalisco, Mexico,~~ Nov. 29, 1890.

Rev. N. G. Clark, D.D.
1 Somerset St., Boston.

Dear Brother:

We noted with deep interest what you wrote us touching the question of taking or leaving our oldest boy now that we return to Mexico. Mrs. Walker also wrote most kindly, offering all that christian motherliness could offer for another's child, even to the taking him into her own home for a time. Yet we have, after all, hesitated to take the step of crowding him out of the home nest, so young. There is so much that parents must do, and not yet done, that we feel constrained to take him back with us for a time.

We go to Cortland today; to Binghamton, N.Y., on Tuesday; back to Wheaton, Ill. before the last of the coming week. We expect to reach El Paso at the time first mentioned to us for the Conference. If they could have let us know sooner of that intended date it would have been a great aid to us.

Yours in haste,

Henry M. Bissell.

P.S. We note what you kindly say of expenses. As soon as we can form a more intelligent idea on the subject I will write you about it.

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Dr. Clark.

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A. B. C. F. M.

Western Mexico Mission.

Station, Guadalajara.
Rev. John Howland.

Out-station, La Barca.
Rev. Henry M. Bissell.

C. Juarez
~~La Barca, Jalisco,~~ Mexico, Dec. 30, 1890.

Rev. N. G. Clark:
1 Somerset St., Boston, Mass., U.S.A.

Dear Brother:

It was my earnest desire to have written you last Saturday evening relative to the action that day taken by the Mission, changing our destination; but it has been quite impossible to do so until this moment.

The special reason for Mr. Case's removal from Parral, seems, in the good providence of God, to have been removed: he has never felt himself in better health than now perhaps. We have all felt deeply how desirable it would be that he should remain in charge of the work that has been so blessed under his hand. It seemed now as though he were to be providentially permitted to do so. The matter was very carefully considered through successive days. At first I was disposed to look with great reluctance on the idea of our going to open the new station on the west; still I have never been insensible to the responsibilities of taking up & continuing such a work as that at and about Parral — in several respects the most remarkable & growing work of which we have knowledge here. And so, long before the Mission came to take definite action, we had come to feel entirely at rest as to the probable decision to be

reached. Our plan, as approved by the Mission, is to go on to Hermosillo as soon as matters can be arranged, a week or more hence. Leaving family there, Mr. Crawford and myself are to go forward to the region proposed, visit Álamos and El Fuerte and select what may seem to be the most proper place to open work, then return for my family.

We feel very keenly the importance of this new work, the importance of beginning right & continuing right. The evangelization of a large region may be determined in great measure by the first work done. We realize quite fully our own insufficiency for such an undertaking. Nothing but the feeling that this voice of the Mission may be, should be, the Master's voice; and that if He approves He certainly goes with us, — nothing else would lead us to consider the undertaking.

You have kindly spoken of ~~granting~~ aid being granted us in case we needed it, financially. Our return at this time throws the expense of travel upon a smaller number of months than we at one time supposed, and as a result we find our account much embarrassed. I suppose there would be no hesitation in granting that our expense from La Barca or Guadalajara to El Paso be charged to the Mission as expense of attendance on the meeting here, — made almost obligatory upon us. If to that sum the Board can add the grant of One Hundred Dollars, we shall hope to get through; though it will take time to put our account in proper shape. We very greatly regret the necessity of making this request. Yet we are indeed glad we have been led to attendance upon this meeting. That has been not only a great privilege but almost a necessity, considering the peculiar situation.

Very truly yours, Henry H. Pisrell.

A. B. C. F. M.

Western Mexico Mission.

Station, Guadalajara.
Rev. John Howland.

Out-station, La Barca.
Rev. Henry M. Bissell.

La Barca, Jalisco, Mexico, ... *1890.*

G. Juarez, Dec. 30.
Rec'd Jan. 5, 1891.

Nemoxillo, Sonora, Mexico, Jan. 23d, 1891.

Rev. N. G. Clark, D.D.
Boston, Mass., U.S.A.

Dear Friend:

This is the first moment I have had at command to thank you for your kind letter, received in Juarez just before we started to come around here, "in bond." We do appreciate it — the kindly thoughtful feeling, I mean, which it manifests, most thoroughly, and we are strengthened thereby for coming work.

We reached here this morning, — Brother Crawford having met us in Nogales. We find them in usual health, very busy pushing toward completion the house for residence and school. A most interesting group of buildings is this which their energy, under God's blessing, has secured here. Church, school, dormitory & home. He is hoping to get the house so far along toward completion as to be able to occupy it early week after next, before going on our journey of exploration. This seems quite a necessary step, since the owner of the house where we now are demands it for immediate occupation, lease having expired. Meantime we are getting all the information we can relative to route &c.

Brother Corbin, M.E. South, informs us that he has

taken possession of Alamos in the name of — his denomination. That probably makes one more point in favor of our taking El Fuerte, over in Sinaloa.

We hope to get off about February 4th or 5th, — as soon as matters here can be so arranged that we can leave.

Mr. Ward writes that he has placed $100.00 to our credit with Mr. Eaton, as the Prudential Committee have kindly directed — for which we are, I trust, truly grateful.

It seems very natural, very home like, to be again on Mexican soil & away from the frontier.

Mrs. Bissell unites with me in kindest regards.

Very truly yours,

Henry M. Bissell.

Sonora — Jan. 23 1853

Guaymas, Sonora, Mexico, March 17, 1891.

Rev. N. G. Clark, D.D.
1 Somerset St., Boston, U.S.A.

Dear Brother:

In this moment before 'casting off' I want to write you a line. First to again thank you and the Prudential Committee and Mr. Ward for the kindness with which you have supplied us with the funds made necessary in these circumstances of travel & change.

More especially I want to say a word for Brother & Sister Crawford's work in Hermosillo. He very freely suggested that I look over the books, i.e., the accounts, of the building &c., & placed them in my hands for that purpose. They give evidence, if that were needed, of a large amount of labor painstakingly done.

The comfort & health of the family at Hermosillo makes necessary porches or verandas for the house, as a protection from the great heat of summer. I do really hope that in some way these can be provided soon. Brother C. is fertile in wise expedients in such things. He suggests, and will, I think, effect such a saving in the manner of finishing the walls protected by the proposed porches as would go far toward meeting the expense of their erection.

Another great need at Hermosillo is a lady teacher. Such an addition to the force there would take hold on the community in a way to greatly strengthen our position there. And the success with which the Crawfords have prepared the way for such an advance entitles their station to consideration. I know it has this consideration, & that you are praying & planning.

At this hour (morning) my wife is, I doubt not, aboard the train on the way from Hermosillo to reach here at noon. The little steamer Altata is in port and will (D.V.) place us in Agiabampo tomorrow. Then a day's ride to El Fuerte, E. de Sinaloa, where we trust the Lord may give us an open door — yes, many of them. From that point I hope to write you soon.

Very truly yours,

Henry M. Dissell.

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Fuerte, Sinaloa, Mexico, 4/10/91.

Rev. N. G. Clark, D.D.
Somerset St., Boston, U.S.A.

Dear Brother:

I want to give you, in a few words, some idea of our reception here and of the outlook. Many things have ~~conspired~~ combined to cause us to give thanks that we are in Fuerte.

A house quite well adapted to our needs was found at once, though a letter kindly given me by the man with whom we spent the night on the way up from the port of Agiabampo, forty-five miles distant, over good road. This house has just been repaired; workman, not quite out of it yet, remarks that it would seem that I had arranged with the owner to have it ready. It is in a quiet location on a good street, and affords us a fair room open to street by both door & window, which we are devoting exclusively to public services (as we could not at La Paca). Sparing this room, the house is rather limited as to space for us, yet on the whole we are much pleased with it. We rent it all at $12 per month.

⊗ Many of these were men of standing. The Postmaster, the Revenue officers &c.

In many ways we see evidences of an open spirit wholly new in our experience in Mexico. In business relations I am sure that we stand today — less than three weeks after arrival — on a more assured basis than was gained in all our stay in La Barca. It follows that opportunities offer on every hand for conversations &c. Wherever I wish I can trade or have work done. The one press of the place is at my service. The many notices of services which I distributed last week & this have been well received, often with thanks. And they bore fruit. Sabbath morning our little chapel was full. Every seat taken, standing room taken way out upon the sidewalk. Not a note of disturbance but quiet & close attention throughout both services, i.e., sermon and a brief Sesson Study. Upwards of ninety were present ⊗ The more surprising as the annual feast began the day before. This feast took the crowd at night. We read & sang the Gospel for more than half hour but as passers by would not linger we closed.

It is a common thing for men to invite me to sit down for conversation in public places. The proprietor of a leading store leads up to such a conversation in the presence of his three

clerks. A ranchman who recently bot a Bible says he wants to know more of our religion, — that if it is like that Book it ought to be good (So I am told). Yesterday a man called saying his patrona Señora Clara Vega, of the ranch El Altillo, had sent him to make inquiries + get some reading matter. He tells of much population in the region beyond their ranch, — all of which suggests the desirability of visiting those regions as soon as possible.

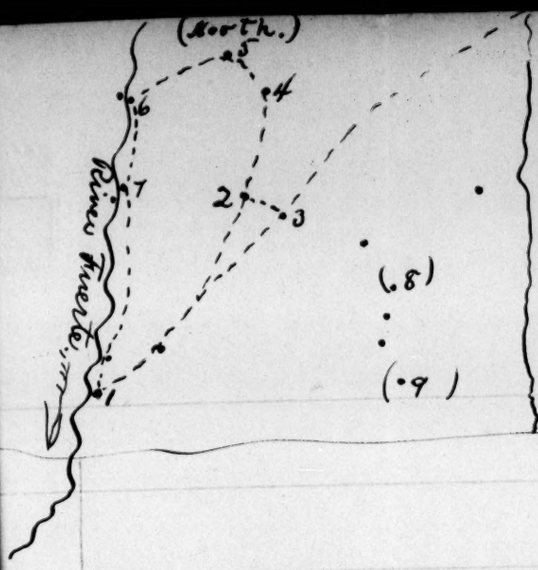
The authorities assure me this District has a population of 30000 or more. We had supposed it to be less. Pueblo de Sinaloa joins us on the south + may have as many more. I urge the Mission that we ought to put a native brother there at once. If we dont actually occupy it we must not complain if the Southern Methodists do so, + soon. We regretted their occupation of Alamos. It may have been providential, + in any case they could claim with reason that Alamos needed an established preacher + did not have one.

Of the need of an organ, and of the possibilities for a teacher — if there were one available — I cannot write now. We bear upon mind and heart the stringency of funds.

Mrs. Pissell joins me in kindest regards.

Very truly yours, Henry M. Pissell.

Fuerte
Ariz
Aug 10 1887



1. Fuerte.
2. El Jípago.
3. Los Hornillos.
4. San Felipe.
5. Aguascalientes (de los Pasos).
6. Sinaloita.
7. Rincon.
(8. Realito)

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Fuerte to El Jípago, 12 miles; El J. to Hornillos 2 m.
El J. to Aguascallentes 7 or 8 m.
(9 Pacamacori.)

Fuerte, Sin., Mexico, May 4, 1891.

Rev. N. G. Clark, D.D.
1 Somerset St., Boston, Mass., U.S.A.

Dear Brother:

Saturday noon I came in from a little circuit of three days among a few of the ranches to the north and east. Thursday morning went out to El Jípago where the leading owner is Sr. Jesús Vega y Equino, a Bible reader & friend who has attended services here in F. That afternoon a son-in-law of his went with me to Los Hornillos where had an earnest talk with a few men, one of whom has a Bible & says he will not burn it. Returned to El Jípago where Don Jesús had invited all to his house for the evening. Many are now 'tron=ized' by the priest. Fourteen or so came, making an audience of twenty-two. Close attention to an impromptu discourse and conversation till a very late hour.

Next morning Don Jesús went with me to San Felipe and introduced me to people there. Showed the books, Testaments &c. & and talked and read the Scriptures to an atte-

tentive group at one house, then were conducted some distance to the house of the school, where the same was repeated. The teacher was evidently greatly interested, tried to have pupils buy Portions and himself bought a Bible.

Went on alone to Agua Caliente that afternoon, stopping with Rudolfo Vega, a vigorous ranchman who bot a Testament. He likewise invited others in and a few came. He accompanied me perhaps half-way to Sinaloita and gave me names on whom to call. Reaching there rather late I thought of stopping for the night, but was not welcome to do so. Came on to Rincon and was thankful to have been so guided, for I found a Bible at the house of Agustin Equino, and a hearing. The invitation went round, three men and a woman came in, — six hearers of the Word and of an conversational "explicación".

Saturday morning, after leaving a Testament for an aged reader who had made sacrifices to buy a single Portion, came home, very grateful for opportunities far beyond my expectations. By actual count I see that not less than sixty-five persons were reached on this little round, were attentive listeners to something of evangelical truth, and nearly all of them listened to the read-

ing of that much feared volume, the Bible. This should be something to give the lie to give the lie to the calumnies that are being actively circulated; though the steady effort has been, not to combat, but to point all to Christ.

Before starting it had been my intention to have made the circuit eastward from El Jipago, returning by Racamarcori. That route must wait a little. This week I hope to go down river where I know of some who are friendly. One ranch owner has sent to us for reading matter, another, with his son, a teacher, has been here ~~at service~~ on the Sabbath. A short circuit can be chosen there, or a longer one that would require two weeks time. The same is true to the north and east. One cannot be insensible to the desirability of putting in the Seed <u>now</u>.

Yesterday (Sabbath) morning's audience grew from four at the beginning to eight or ten at the benediction, and then to fourteen, listening closely & talking till near one o'clock. One man was one of the hearers Friday night at Rincon. His house ("at my disposal") is at Junta, beyond Realito, on the Chinobampo road. Another is a teacher here.

These days and weeks have awakened in us a profound sense of gratitude for work to do.

We learn with pain that some of our brethren are

much disappointed that we came to Fuerte instead of going down to Culiacan, the capital and head of the Diocese, and even seem to feel that we gave too little heed to opinions expressed in correspondence. We felt that the judgement of the Mission was not & could not be obtained with that clearness & strength by letters that it would have been in an actual session and full discussion; — and that the passing by this region, known to be populous & comparatively open to the Gospel (while Culiacan is equally known to be very fanatical), ~~and~~ utterly destitute of the christian teacher, to enter a city ~~already~~ known to be already occupied by a sister denomination, was something we could not do. And we felt that from December to March was a good long while to be waiting, so we came on. We followed what, with all deference, seemed and still seems to us the strong, hard sense of the Mission. Let me say that under my breath; and I dont think it seems to us the best judgment merely because it coincided with our own.

Rec'd May 15.

In one word let us assure you that we have noted and do remember the grief that the Master has seen fit to permit to come to you. He giveth the more grace.

Of the financial stress I am not unmindful, but cannot speak now. Yours, Henry M. Riselle

(Via Nogales, A. T.)

Fuerte, Sinaloa, Mexico July 13, '91.

Rev. N. G. Clark, D. D.
Somerset St., Boston, U. S. A.

Dear Brother:

I can hardly realize that more than two months have passed since I wrote you. Yours of May 18th was duly received. Since last writing, May 4th five journeys out to the ranches and pueblos, together with the work here in Fuerte, have made it a busy time. At present I so time these excursions as to be at home each Sabbath, feeling that the building up of a congregation here is of prime importance. This is of slow growth but is a slight gain I think over the second month, after the novelty had worn away. Sometimes only two or three; then half a dozen, then again twenty-five or thirty. There is little fear of attending, i.e., as compared with what we have been accustomed to. But there is a similarity between this people and the 'Pundito' of whom Dr. Pentecost has recently written, — in this, that the claims of the Gospel dont take sharp hold, & cannot until the quickening power of the Holy Spirit is felt.

Partly for this reason there is more of inspiration, if I may so name it, in street work and in touring, than in the quiet ministrations of the pulpit, in case a very small number heed the invitation and attend. Yet we are awake to the privileges of and advantages of the deliberate discourse, and we are favored with some very attentive hearers, from time to time.

I find I have visited, & tarried for more or less work, in some thirty-six pueblos & ranches, & on the same roads are six or eight more that time did not permit me to stop in at those times. The reception in these places is decidedly encouraging. To have families open their houses for an evening gatheing, & to have goodly numbers come in and listen intently & afterward express their approval and thanks, — these are delightful experiences. Such have

been granted us in Tehueco, Chinobampo, Jecorato, & Agua Caliente el Grande; while at Choix every facility was offered for renting a room, centrally located, where was gathered an audience of perhaps over one hundred. That in Chinobampo numbered some fifty or sixty, among them ladies & gentlemen of the most respectable society. The same was true in Choix, tho more opposition was felt there than I have met in other places here. In Jecorato, 45 miles east of Fuerte, thought to be very fanatical, a dozen gathered. Choix lies 45 miles to the North-east of Fuerte, well up among the foot-hills. All that region is said to be the more religious part of this District & some doubted whether I would be granted lodging. Aside from the evening gatherings above mentioned, scarcely less interesting have been the less formal groups that have been reached by day and evenings. These have sometimes numbered twenty and thirty persons at a time, sometimes from two to ten, & have the advantage of close contact, question and answer, something of an approach to acquaintance; disarming prejudice even more than the discourse, in large part at the start polemical in tone, though never entirely so.

I count some five or six other circuits, in this district, as yet unvisited, — some still more populous than these I have visited, — some of them ~~eighty~~ reaching points eighty miles distant. Clearly it will take some time to get once round. The season does not forbid touring as yet. They tell us the heat is not expected to be much greater than it has been this week — but will hold on for weeks — all through August at least. Have had 104 in the shade (135 sun), falling to 100 at sunset, to 90 at 4 A.M., & to 88 at sunrise. Not experience no serious effects thus far. Mrs. Bissell unites with me in kindest regards,

Very truly yours, Henry H. Bissell.

Frierte, Trinaboa, July 13, 1891

Rec'd August 4

Via Nogales, A. T.

Fuerte, E. de Sinaloa, Mexico, 10/16/91.

Rev. N. G. Clark, D. D.

Dear Brother:

We think of you today as returning from the great meeting. Your favor of Aug. 14 came duly to hand.

"During the last week in July I took another trip, down to our port, Agiabampo. The same kind reception was found all along, as in former journeys. Some $50 worth of Bibles and Testaments were sold. The next week I ~~got out~~ went to a ranch some 12 miles away. The heat had now become excessive and the rains liable to occur with violence at any time. I therefore suspended the journeying for a time. July was our hottest month this year, but June, August and September continued at nearly the same temperatures. It is at length sensibly cooler. Am now slowly making a canvass of the town with a fine display of books, Bibles, Testaments, Portions, tracts, &c., in a hand case which is well adapted to the purpose. A very general willingness is shown to examine the display and at least hear something of the invitation. Sales are not infrequent. A sale of tracts has been effected that is quite different from ~~out of~~ all our former experience.

Sabbath heaves just about as when I last wrote you.

A Mexican gentleman of excellent education, one who has acquired a good knowledge of English, desired an hour daily for in English conversation. An arrangement was made which is mutually profitable and very agreable.

Friends from the ranches and pueblos that have been visited accasionally drop in. In a little while I expect to resume the frequent touring. I note the good advice you give in regard to all such work.

A circular letter from Mr. Wright suggests the (remote I think) possibility of our being needed at Juarez. I take it that withdrawal from this station would hardly be seriously considered now. And as to El Testigo, the feeling deepens with us that that agency ought to remain where it is, at that center of Romanism where its influence can be most felt. El Testigo away on the border, would be far less feared than now. El Testigo in hands other than Mr. Howland's would be still less feared. If he feels he needs help I would hope it might be granted him.

We have some hope of a native helper here, but quite indefinite as yet.

Mrs. Bissell unites with me in kind regards.

Very truly yours, Henry M. Bissell

Quesada, C. de Quesada, Oct. 16. 1871

Recd Oct. 29

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P.S. It seems providential that the Gospel should have been, should be, offered in this District now; while it is to an extent receptive; before the influence of that atheistical colony, Topolobampo, away down on the southern border of the District, could have gained any head here. A more blasfemous and blatant group of anarquists, athists, spiritualists, free-lovers, etc. etc., it would be hard to find. Their style of thought is not generally acceptable to the Mexicans, so far as I have observed. To very many Mexicans their ideas are abhorrent.

Via Nogales, A. T.

Fuerte, E. de Sinaloa, Mexico, 10/20/91.

Rev. N. G. Clark, D.D.
1 Somerset St., Boston, Mass., U. S. A.

Dear Brother.

Yours of Oct. 30 is just at hand and ought to be responded to at once. You will have received my somewhat tardy letter of last week.

In the recent Mission letter I said to the brethren that I thanked Mr. Eaton for the compliment he had expressed in connection with the subject of El Testigo, and thanked the Lord for vital contact with men in this field. When our names were proposed for this new work I was for a moment staggered by the thought of responsibility, its strangeness to me, my want of experience for it. But we are indeed thankful for the leading that has, we trust, brought us thus far. The very fact of the openings that have been granted here in many places is an inspiration for which we are grateful and which will be most encouraging, whatever may be the work that lies before us. Naturally we look out with special interest over this field, thanking God somewhat as Paul did at The Three Taverns.

Now it does us more good than we can tell you to find that there is a pretty general feeling that

El Testigo is an instrument that ought not to be dropped. I fully believe in what I wrote you last week, about the desirability of keeping the paper where it is, even at some greater cost. Yet Mr. Howland's determination to press its transfer has been so repeatedly shown, that I fear it must be done.

It would seem very natural that Mr. Olds be selected to go to Mr. Wright's aid, and what I have said as to Mr. Howland's superior qualifications for carrying on El T. does not of course imply any lack of confidence in Brethren Wright and Olds to carry it on with entire success. Indeed much of Mr. Howland's most valuable work would undoubtedly be continued. Of course I know very little of the special claims of the field where Mr. Olds now is, with its partly developed work, as compared with this, where all is, in a large sense, prospective.

There is no denying that the work you have suggested presents strong attractions: so does the work here. We shall work straight forward, praying & trusting that all will be made plain.

Canvassing yesterday and today took me to some of the 'best' families, — also to the jail, where I am always welcome. Sales at six places, amounting to $4.14/100 This was more than an average sale. 46¢ of this was for tracts.

We have great reason to be grateful for health through the heated term, June to October. That is, we are nearly through. Mercury ranges 96 to 98 this week, but that is not so bad, and nights now are comfortable. Truth is, wife was more courageous than I about braving the climate down here; I have gotten through it very well indeed. But I think it probable that she and the little ones must seek either a higher latitude or altitude for next hot season.

Am planning for the fall work in the pueblos and ranches, to begin as soon as I can be free here at home, & that will be very soon I trust. For the most part this should be, as you suggest, work at chosen points, not scattering too much. It must be difficult to decide at times, — and leave so much good soil unsown. At least one more new group of villages I must, I think, visit at an early day. It is that of Mochicahui and Ahome, down river. I have been more than half way down. That is a very populous region. Atheism is entrenched just beyond, & people should be told what the Gospel is.

Would the same principle — of thorough work, not too scattered, suggest location of helper (if secured) in this District rather than down in Sinaloa? I incline to think so, but do not yet know what the brethren may reply.

Very truly yours,

Henry M. Russell.

El Paso
Oct. 20 1889

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ADDRESS:
FUERTE. E. DE SINALOA, MEXICO.
VIA NOGALES, A. T.

American Board.
MISSION TO NORTHERN MEXICO.
STATION, FUERTE.

Fuerte, Jan. 26, 1892.

Rev. N. G. Clark, D.D.
1 Somerset St., Boston.

Dear Brother:

I ~~am~~ the push of various claims that call during the short interval between journeys my intended letter to you has been almost crowded out.

Jan. 1st, evening, I ~~came~~ came back from a second visit to Chinobampo, Tetaroba &c. The recent visit of the Bishop seems not to have diminished the welcome given me, in the least. People open their houses to me as before. Had the largest sales I had yet known (some $15.00 & more). Attentive audiences two evenings at Chinobampo. One store-keeper there offered to take a stock of Bibles, books &c. to keep on sale, & did so.

Jan. 16 I came in from a nine days trip down the valley to the southern limit of the District. The Bishop had just left the valley. I traveled both banks & found much people. Welcome nearly always. Sold all the Bibles & Portions I had with me & all Testaments but two, & many books & tracts. Total sales, the trip, over $40.00. Attentive hearers. Am agreeably impressed with the little ~~weight~~ acceptance which the views of the infidel colony down in that region seem to gain among the Mexicans. A real gladness to find the Word of God, & within their reach, was manifested in cases not a few. Audiences friendly & thoughtful. An evident desire for my return.

The work now shapes itself into four dis-

tinct routes, to be gone over in regular succession and as often as possible; — twice each if possible before the Spring Conference. They are 1. Chinotampo; 25 miles 2. Agua Caliente & Vaimena; 25 miles 3. Cholx; 30 miles 4. La Higuera de Ojaraco; 75 miles, with many intermediate points on each route. The lower route needs two weeks, the others nearly one each.

Here in Puente a little gain, perhaps, in attendance, yet nothing very marked.

Mr. Rowland is to be congratulated on the decided advance in the appearance of El Testigo for 1892. The periodical as it now comes out ought to please the most fastidious. It takes well here & is thought low-priced at one dollar. I have recently sent ten (10) pay names. True, such a paper as El Testigo could be still more easily introduced, but we are sure — and no one will deny — that El T. is far the more evangelical of the two, — will do more good.

A great want here already is a christian school. People are asking how soon we shall open such a school. What can we say? Can we pray that a teacher may be found & granted us. We hope so.

We hope soon to hear a favorable decision in regard to the coming of Francisco and wife from Jalisco, to aid in the work here. How meager do these visits & this whole work of mine seem, & yet such numbers are passed by unreached. And we long to see a deeper work than is indicated by friendly welcomes and the sale of Bibles & books.

Wife joins with me in kindly regards.

Very truly yours, Henry M. Bissell.

H. M. Bissell
Jan. 2d, 1892
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Address: Fuerte, E. de Sinaloa, MEXICO, NOGALES, ARIZ. TER.

STATION: Fuerte, Sinaloa, Mexico.

Expense of various kinds (not a Congregational Mission, little of it in the way of outfit purely for Mission use) has put us in quite a bad position on the books, financially. If we can right it soon we may not be obliged to ask to be allowed the monthly Ten Dollars ($60.00) on little Theodore's account.

Fuerte, May 2, 1892.

Rev. N. G. Clark, D.D.
Boston, Mass., U.S.A.

Dear Brother:

The anticipated joy of home-coming, from our Annual Meeting, was turned to sudden grief. On the 20th of April, and five hours before my arrival, our little Theodore, just six months with us, was taken to the blessed Home where there is no sickness, no sad parting, no pain.

He has always been an exceptionally healthy, happy, laughing child. All the way coming home, even to the last, sent by Helper down to the port, starting morning of Friday, Apr. 15th, was the same: healthy, growing, first teething safely passed.

That Friday he was attacked with high fever, spinal meningitis set in, — and on Wednesday, at one o'clock P.M., he left us.

A mile from home that evening I met a friend who told me he only knew that that morning baby was very sick. Soon I knew all.

I could not tell you how sudden a grief it was; but this we can say: never have we more clearly realized the preciousness

A nice little Sabbath School of 16 yesterday, quite a regular thing. Had an audience of 13 last evening. Now and (the) or four families. Had kindness shown us in connection with Baby's sickness and burial.

of our Holy Faith, — all the more by contrast, as I had been for more than a day delayed (waiting for my horse + cart) in that little center of Anti-Christ and hopelessness, the Topolobampo Colony.)

We do know it is all well with him. There will be no lack, and no wrong, in his instruction; straight paths for his feet always.

I cannot write you now about the Annual Meeting. A most excellent + helpful meeting it was. Oh but it does take a long time to get there and back! I left home March 16. From Hermosillo I sent to Mr. Case a copy of Minutes, he intending to send you an abstract of same. I now have the required copies for the other Stations well under way.

Francisco, our helper is doing good work. I expect to be on the road next week; wife may be able to get out to some points.

The call for a school is louder than ever. Among those several candidates, will the recommendation of the Mission regarding an American Lady Teacher for Fuerte have some little chance?

Wife unites with me in kind regards.

Yours, Henry M. Bissell

Rev. Henry M. Bissell
Fuerte, May 2, 1892
Rec'd May 14

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Congregational Mission,
STATION:
Fuerte, Sinaloa, Mexico.

Fuerte, April 25, 1892.

Rev. C. R. Bliss, D. D.,
Sec. New West Education Commission,
151 Washington St., Chicago.

Dear Brother:

I am requested to communicate to you the following action of The Mexico Mission, taken at its recent annual meeting at Chihuahua. A report was adopted, recommending:

1. That a committee of one missionary and one teacher be appointed as Advisory and Visiting Committee of the School at Juarez. its duties being:

To visit the School twice a year.

To give advice to the management of the School on all such questions as may be referred to them.

To offer to the management such suggestions as may commend themselves to the committee.

To make an annual report of the condition and needs of the school, to the Mission.

2. That we inform the New West Education Commission of this action, and request that a similar Committee be appointed by it, to work in connection with this one.

Rev. John Howland and Miss Nellie Prescott were appointed as Committee in accordance with the above resolutions.

Very truly yours,

Henry M. Pisell
(Rec. Sec.)

Chihuahua, Mex.
April 25, 1882.
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Chicago, May 14, 1892 189

Rev. N. G. Clark, D.D.

Cong'l. House, Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir and Brother:-

I received yesterday, from the Mission in Mexico, the enclosed paper. I read it at our Board Meeting yesterday afternoon, and one of the Directors asked if it had the approval of the Secretaries of Boston, and I said I had no doubt it would be approved by them. I send it simply for the sake of asking if the request which they make meets with your indorsement.

We have not been able to furnish any employment to the young man of whom you wrote, in Las Vegas. We had all the force there that we could use.

It will probably be thought best that I should visit El Paso on my early trip to New Mexico. As you probably know, land has already been bought for the new building, and we are now awaiting specifications and plans of building which Mr. Right is to furnish us.

Truly yours,

C. R. Bliss

May 14, 1892

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Fuerte, E. de Sinaloa,
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Congregational Mission,
STATION:
Fuerte, Sinaloa, Mexico.

Fuerte, June 4th 1892.

Rev. N. G. Clark, D.D.
1 Somerset St., Boston, U.S.A.

Dear Brother:

Two days since we returned from the second journey on which wife has been able to accompany me since return from Chihuahua. The former of these was to Agua Caliente el Grande, Hornillos and El Jéjago; the latter, to all principal and many lesser places southward clear down to Zaragoza or La Higuera. It has been very encouraging to see the welcome that was almost always given in both. Beside the help in song ~~and~~ in connection with public services, there has been a decided gain in acquaintance extended & confidence in families as it could be in no other way.

With few exceptions the Gospel has been welcome. Little fear has been shown. At La Higuera we found both the priests and the tepeje performers on hand for the same day & evening (Sabbath), yet a goodly number called for conversation & to buy books, and we had an evening audience of some 35. At Ahome and Mochicahui large audiences. Excessive heat prevented our arrival at Tehueco in time to hold

formal services. We were out (southward) nine days. Many of the mid-day stops also were interesting occasions.

Our little Sabbath School holds its own, — grows a little in fact; and evening audience is a more settled thing, some families being quite constant. We begin to consider, whether the time may not be near for urging some certain persons to take the formal step that should mark their separation from Rome, by a public confession of Christ as known in His Gospel. Yet the time is not quite ripe ~~yet~~ I think. One difficulty in this matter is that we get so infrequent knowledge of those who live at a distance from us. The visits made by our helper, Francisco Magdaleno, will be helpful in this respect. He is greatly impressed with the openness of the field here as compared with Jalisco, + is doing good work.

We shall look with great interest for the response of Prudential Committee to recommendation of this Mission, that an American lady teacher be appointed for this Station as soon as possible. As yet we can find no native teacher to open school, for which there is frequent call.

Probably Francisco + wife may go out to Chino=
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to spend some of the hotter months. A very encouraging interest is shown there. I expect to go there in a week or two, after which I must confine labor to Tucson for a time. The hot season has come upon us earlier this year than last.

We are puzzled to know how we are to manage about sending Henry, our oldest, now nearing 14 years of age, to Oberlin. We may expect to find an opportunity for sending him on, say from Benson, A.T., or from El Paso, in company with some one; but even then the expense—. Yet evidently he must or ought to go this fall. The matter is made the

more difficult in that we have run behind on our Balance already, & to incur large extra expense would make the matter worse. Can you suggest any relief?

We are asked, by influential & wealthy parties at El Aguila, close to Ahome, whether we would furnish them a teacher if they were to put up a house, for school and open to services on occasion. I hardly dare encourage them that we could just now. We do not feel sure, however, that they will make the offer in full form. Mrs. Bissell joins me in kindest regards.

Yours, Henry M. Bissell.

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Congregational Mission,
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Fuerte, Sinaloa, Mexico.

Fuerte, July 4, 1892.

Rev. N. G. Clark, D. D.
1 Somerset St., Boston, Mass., U.S.A.

Dear Brother,

Yours of June 18th, just to hand, relieves our minds greatly. We were at a loss to know how the expense of Henry's journey home could be met.

Will you please present to the Prudential Committee our request for permission to send him home to enter school the coming fall. We have had some correspondence with those in charge at Oberlin, & are writing Mrs. Little today. We are also in correspondence with friends, hoping to find an opportunity to have him go on in company with some one; but I will at once write for information to the Express Agent, Consul Willard, at Guaymas. I should need to accompany him to Guaymas at least, and should probably run up and see the Crawfords & their work. The connection with the Southern Pacific at Benson is awkward and I might need to go there with him.

During the last week I have had special opportunity to press upon the attention of Jesús Vega, of El Sipago, the duty and privilege of making public profession of his faith in Christ. He seems to be really moved. His family are also very kindly disposed.

Very truly yours, Henry H. Crawford

Fuerte. July 4, 1892

Recd July 21

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Via Nogales, A.T.

Fuerte, E. de Sinaloa, Mexico, Sept. 16, 1892.

Rev. N. G. Clark, D.D.
1 Somerset St., Boston.

Dear Brother:

After I wrote you in June, we made still another journey, of much interest, to Chinobampo and intermediate points. Your good letters have been duly received. We do not think it strange that this new station cannot be supplied with a teacher at once, — tho we do regret it. Failing also to secure a native teacher, Mrs. Bissell plans to take up the work and open a school next month.

Our helper, just at the time when he should have been in Chinobampo with his family, had a fall from his horse, three ribs being fractured. Fever set in and for days his life was despaired, but after two weeks of watching night and day (July 5 — onward, the hottest we have seen) we had the satisfaction of seeing the danger over. His convalescence was slow. They are now expecting to go out next week.

Henry, our oldest, made the journey safely. I took him to Nogales. Have word from him as far on as Chicago.

The present year will long be remembered here as the famine year. We are doing what we can to help.

Very truly yours, Henry M. Bissell.

Fuerte, Sept. 16. 1892.
Recd Sept. 30. 1892.

Dr. Clark.

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Mr. Crawford may possibly be able to be with us at the time of expected organization.

Via Nogales, Ariz. Ter.

Fuerte, E. de Sinaloa, Mexico, 11/30/2.

Rev. N. G. Clark, D.D.
1 Somerset St., Boston, U.S.A.

Dear Brother:

Yours of 15th inst. is just at hand & noted. Such has been & is the rush of the days that I had not realized that our two months had passed since writing you.

We are happy to report the Seed taking root. A most encouraging group is this which gathers with us very constantly. During the month of December we expect to organize a church here. At Y.P.S. & E. we intend to organize on the coming Sabbath. About ten may be expected to desire to take their places as members of the church, and perhaps as many more may be included among the children of the families interested & these to be presented for baptism. Special instruction for this group of candidates has been a feature of our work for some time. There are cases not wanting in interest, that is, especially so.

During the summer travel has been suspended in large part. A good deal of my time has been given to preparation of Rayones Sencillos for the press of the A.T. Soc. I finish the 303 pages of MS today, except that a final retouching is ~~to be~~ being given them.

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Great scarcity of food has already made demands upon time + pocket but will do so still further.

In this work we have the aid of a very competent Mexican gentleman, a lawyer + student who values the work for its own sake. The getting off of this work has seemed imperative. Brethren seem to be confident that the importance of it justifies the effort.

Audiences here in Puente number from 20 to 40 or 50 or even more at times. Priestly mendacity is aroused. I expect to scatter widely this week the hand-bill enclosed. The people are being taught that we tread + spit upon the cross.!!

Whenever I go from house to house, as I did several day last week, the Word is welcomed by many. There are those who decline to hear it read, tho rarely with bitterness. We are respected here by a wide circle of people who make no great secret of their confidence that this is the good Way though they are not ready to take a stand. Tracts also continue to be bought. More particulars of all this I shall have in shape in a few days on making up reports. The change of date of our annual meeting has forced a change of plans. It is impossible to go upon the road until after that meeting.

I should name 11 or 12 actual preaching places and more than as many more where interested groups are readily gathered, + have been preached to, tho in less formal manner.

Sorry to say our "helper" proves to be little help. They are at Chinobampo at present.

Mrs. Bissell's school is a very absorbing + very encouraging feature of our work. Now that other stations are supplied, let us beg that our "turn" may be considered a little nearer.

(⊗ with teachers) Pardon great haste. Yours, Henry H. Bissell

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Congregational Mission,
STATION:
Fuerte, Sinaloa, Mexico.

Fuerte, Jan. 4, 1893.

Rev. N. G. Clark, D. D.,
1 Somerset St., Boston, U. S. A.

Dear Brother: We are happy in having been permitted to see accomplished the more important events indicated in mine to you Nov. 30th as near at hand. The "C. E." is a working society of much promise. On Sat. last, Dec. 31st twelve believers were organized as an evangelical church, eleven of them coming out from romanism amid no little opposition. Sabbath evening, Jan. 1st, baptism was administered and the Lord's Supper celebrated. At this time three of the twelve, tho present with us and very decidedly with us in heart, thought it best to defer entering into covenant on account of violent opposition from the head of the house, shown almost at the last moment. As they continue attendance at all meetings, & have since got a Bible — they had only a Testament before — we see very good reason to ~~hope~~ expect their taking the open step at our second communion. Likewise there are other candidates on whom we count quite confidently. The first & firmest of all, a man of considerable influence living at a distance (at El ~~Fitago~~), fully expected to have been with us

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was unavoidably detained. We missed his presence greatly, yet it very possible that his family may come with him at another time, as they were hardly ready to do now.

I wish you could see this group of disciples. Four of them are heads of families. Five children were received in covenant of baptism.

We are having interesting meetings this week of prayer. I regret the necessity of leaving for Annual Meeting on Friday. Attention is course specially called to us just now. Some new comers are attending steadily.

For a considerable time past these families, now newly bound together, have of their own accord taken steps that encouraged us much. They declined to go longer to dances; and they took up family worship. After much deliberation we came to feel that the time for the organization was fully come. Themselves desired it decidedly.

Mrs. Bissell remaining during my absence, a large part of the work of the Station will proceed without interruption. After two weeks recess she resumes school, which grows in interest, slowly drawing in some not otherwise, or not before, connected with us, and affording our own flock christian education in place of — a system which it is difficult to qualify.

Yours in haste,

Henry M. Bissell,

Jan. 11 1866

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Guaymas, E. de Sonora, Mexico, Jan. 30, 1892.

Rev. N. G. Clark, D. D.
, Somerset St., Boston, Mass., U. S. A.

Dear Brother:

While waiting boat I have time to add some things to that already sent, with report, from Benson, A. T.

I believe Mr. Case is right in saying that the feeling of the Mission is almost or quite unanimous in desiring that Mr. Howland take prominent place in the Training School. Yet the declaration of that desire by vote was, in the case of some four or five of those present, singularly tied up by considerations of a personal nature. Of course it is felt that Jalisco cannot be abandoned nor left to a 'new man.' This suggests the possibility of changes, either from Juarez or from Chihuahua. Hence some vacilation on the main question.

The principle that no missionary may feel himself to be a necessarily permanent fixture in any given place will, we think, prevail. I may add that this, together with a conviction that in requesting appropriations for our own Mission we must also bear in mind the urgent need on other fields, — these two ideas had their bearing on the report to which I have referred above.

The question of a 'new man' for this Mission is closely connected with the foregoing. I could vote more intelligently on such appointment when it becomes clear what we intend he shall do. Certainly Mr. Howland cannot be a whole Theological Seminary himself alone; granted. But he has great capacity for work, and with such aid as the other Society will gladly render, and with the young men under his direction, I believe he wants

for the present carry successfully and safely the varied work of the Juarez Station, with El Teatigo included. And while it is true that we should build strong for the future of the Training School, it is conceded by all that at present we hardly need two professors in theology there.

The suggestion from the Rooms, touching the voting or non-voting by wives and lady missionaries on general questions in the Mission, caused some surprise at first. The more it is considered, however, the more reasonable it seems, — that a missionary and his wife, be she present or absent, cast one single vote.

I long to be back in my parish again. I hope I may be before another Sabbath.

Very truly yours,

Henry M. Bissell.

Recd Feb. 8.

Mexico,
Puente, March 3, 1893.

Rev. N. G. Clark, D. D.
1 Somerset St., Boston.

Dear Brother:

Yours of 2/14 demands immediate reply. I would add only two thoughts on the residence question. 1. In view of such urgent needs in other lines of expense, both in our own and in other Missions, some of us are not inclined toward an ~~our~~ expense of this kind by the mere fact that the money "can be got" through the Woman's Board. If all the money needed in the great work could be got from that or any other source it would be different

2. In the possible event of a transfer, such as that of the Eatons to the more populous field of Jalisco, for example, there is a strong feeling that any other family in the Mission would live very comfortably in the residence as contemplated in the report — which also bore in mind the prospects of very considerable growth in the school. Of course it is equally true that, should a separate residence be furnished, any other family would be able to occupy it, on the principle set forth by William Goodell, accepting the rocking-chair, — that a missionary — must

learn to sit anywhere.

As to the training school, I have not been in a position to observe carefully & cannot ~~speak~~ answer confidently your first question. You then ask whether it is likely to be a success without enlargement of teaching force and more immediate supervision of the young men. Frankly, I think there should be an enlargement of the teaching force; but I do not say an immediate increase in the number on that force. And I do not say this to the disparagement of Mr. Wright in any way.

The Mission is just about unanimous in its feeling that Howland is the man to take the work with the young men; that he can shape the work there & give it impetus; and that the question of ~~more~~ other helpers can be more safely taken up after he is in charge. And it is granted by all that the institution hardly demands two full professors ~~at once~~ just now.

The unanimity of feeling on these points, on the one hand, and, on the other, the failure of the Mission to utter itself when it came, — over and again — to any vote that looked toward making this conviction a reality, thus involving possible changes of location that cross personal preferences,—

was an inconsistency that fogged the result. The idea that any missionary may acquire a sort of claim, or long lease, to any one field or position, is, I think, a harmful one, and will hardly be persisted in after more serious thought.

In reply to your closing question: we should shrink greatly from a return to Jalisco. We feel at home in the work here. It opens before us and invites us. We have great hopes of seeing it broaden and deepen. We seem to stand the trying climate here quite well, — unless it prove (as there is some reason to fear) that the tremendous heat & light of eight months of the year are telling badly on eyesight). We can hardly think it at all probable that we are to be called away now, just as the work has begun. It is right that we indicate our preference clearly.

Yes, I found the work advancing well, on my return. Several things about it I want to tell you, very much indeed, but cannot today.

Mrs. Bissell is hard worked, school & all, but results are encouraging. We hope the Lord has that teacher in preparation for this point, somewhere. With our kindest regards,

Yours, Henry M. Bissell.

Suerte, Mch. 3. 93.

Rec'd Mch. 20. 93.

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Address:
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Congregational Mission,
STATION:
Fuerte, Sinaloa, Mexico.

Fuerte, May 31, 1893.

Rev. N. G. Clark, D.D.
1 Somerset St., Boston.

Dear Brother:

On looking yesterday in my letter book, quite confidently expecting to find copy of a letter written (as I thought) since I returned from last trip down the river, I was surprised to discover I had not written such letter. Pardon unintentional delay.

Yours of March 20th was duly received.

The trip referred to was, even more than the other journeys since return from Guadalajara, one of much interest. In the two weeks spent on the road ten preaching places were visited and audiences ranged from fourteen to fifty or sixty. Many interesting conversations were had, and with a single exception I was everywhere cordially received. At Ahome they even rang the parish bell, hung in the plaza by the old, old church, to call people together.

There is much sickness all about us. One of our families has been greatly afflicted by small-pox.

Our people are very constant at services. Four were added to the church at the April communion.

Yet, very soon after the first communion in

P.S. The physical effects of the heat on that trip down river were such as to forbid my taking the road again for considerable time, and another entire round which I had yet hoped to accomplish before the season closed, was interrupted & prevented.

January one of the members fell grievously. Our first notice of the fact was its confession.

The prevailing custom (universal) here of squaring accounts with employees on the Sabbath, is a serious matter. Last week a young man came to me desiring to have an arrangement made that would release him on Sabbath so that he could attend our services. His employer, the leading man of this District, consented to such an arrangement. This is a first case of which we hope there may be many to follow in time.

Wife went with me to Choix in March, thus completing the round of the four roads I travel.

Our helper & (more particularly) his wife proved entirely unfit for the work & had to be dropped.

Our Bible-woman has been sick but is about again and at work as strength permits.

Wife has just now suspended school. The effort has been no small one for her along with other cares, but she feels well repaid. She unites with me in kindest regards.

Very cordially yours, Henry M. Bissell.

Received June 15

Puente, Mexico, July 24, 93.

Rev. N. G. Clark, D.D.
1 Somerset St., Boston.

Dear Brother:

At this time of the year our attention is given exclusively to work here in Puente. Our people seem to be growing in knowledge of what the Gospel offers and requires. We have to note one sad exception — and that indeed indicates not a lack of knowledge but of will. We had great hopes of the restoration of the member whose fall I mentioned in my last. Repeated promises have been as repeatedly broken & there seems to be but one more thing that the church can do. There is reason for thankfulness in the fact that the church is united in the disposition to do its duty in the matter.

We are having some increase in attendance at services. Our Bible-woman is aiding to extend the work, as are also others to some extent. The case of discipline referred to should have one good effect, in convincing people that Bible morality means something.

We were pleased to see a step taken toward the connection of Brother Kowland with the Training School

and hope nothing may prevent the execution of the plans. Indeed the detaining Mr. Olds at Chihuahua as an assistant would seem very like a diminution of the force in the field.

We note with pain the lack of funds for the support of important work at many points in various fields; and in view of such needs we do hope this Mission may not consent to ask for any further outlay in real estate and building at the present time. As to difficulties suggested in the way of changes at Chihuahua, is it not probable that the Building committee of this Mission would be able to improve upon any plans that have been presented. That examining committee was created at last annual meeting and its deliberate judgement should of great value to the Board.

Very cordially yours,

Henry M. Dissell.

Recd. Aug. 24, 13
Ans. Aug. 24, 13
Aug. 14.

(x) They well understand that this Fuerte District is by far the most open and promising for gospel work of all this coast. Corwin told me he found Culiacán the most fanatical place he had ever seen, and gave me to undestand that they would have been very glad to exchange that District for this.

Via Nogales, Arizona.

Fuerte, E. de Sinaloa, Mexico, Sept. 4, '93.

Rev. N.G.Clark, D.D.
1 Somerset St., Boston.

Dear Brother:-

Yours of Aug. 15 came to hand on Saturday last. Now that Parral is supplied for the present, there may hardly be need of my taking up the question proposed by yourself; yet I would like to say a word now that it is up.

I do not think this district could be held atall in the way you suggest,- that is to say, to hold it in that wholly insufficient way would be equivalent to keeping the gospel away from them, almost;-for the Southern Methodists would undoubtedly be ready and willing to enter in and occupy the ground with with a resident worker.(x) If we cannot sow it ourselves ought we not to encourage them to do it . But the designation of Mr. Olds to Parral saves all this for the present.

We shall all most earnestly hope Brother Case may be able to yet return to the work, after a time.

I hope the way may eventually open for the carrying out of the plan proposed by the Prudencial Committee, of the exchange between Gaudalajara and El Paso. Everybody recognizes the peculiar fitness of Howland for the Seminary work; and nobody seems impressed with the imperative need of two full men at present at El Paso. Wright might feel the transfer a compliment; he is a larger force than seems really needed now to fill any gap there might be after Howland finds the place he seems made for. And Jalisco offers a work worthy of his very best.

Our hearts are sore and sad. Two days since we received word of the accident by which our Henry, nephew Harvey, to attend the Fair, has lost his right hand. It is a very terrible blow. Yesterday's "Golden Text" is very consoling to us: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

There is a very perceptible gain lately in attendance on our services, and evident interest. Systematic house to house visitation is also giving encouraging results. In spite of the hard times small sales are frequent and,- what is much more important,- a kindly welcome is almost always given.

Word today is that, two weeks ago, Henry was doing well. It is a great trial that we cannot be with him, but we know he is in good hands.

Mrs. Bissell joins me in kindest regards.

Very truly yours,

Henry M. Bissell.

We understand that Henry traveled in company with Miss Little as far as Grand Junction; made change safely, to go to Harvey, where our friends Stratton (N.J.) expected him. His train, due at 6 P.M., was belated. In the darkness he seems to have miscalculated or fallen, we do not know which. Seems to have mistaken Pullman for Harvey. We do not despise the chastening: we pray he may not. We know the one possible compensation lies in the full acceptance of our Father's will and way.

Fuente, Sept. 4. '93

Recd Sept. 23.

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Fuerte, E. de Sinaloa, Mexico.
10/14/93.

Rev. N. G. Clark, D.D.
1 Somerset St., Boston.

Dear Brother:

Returning from my first trip of the fall & winter campaign I find yours of the 25th ult. — to which I wish to reply at once. — also to give you some account of this very pleasant journey. But mail just going only permits a word this morning.

It comes to our knowledge that Miss Haskins may not yet have returned to Guadalajara. Judging from a question she asked when I was in Guadalajara last January, we have inferred that it might not be impossible that she would be willing to be transferred to this western work. Now if such a plan were approved by the Board, Mrs. Bissell & myself would be glad to extend to her a most cordial invitation to join us here. Much I might say as to the desirability of such a step, — she would, with divine blessing, add much to the strength of the work, & at once, — but I have no more time now & it may be important to avoid delay.

Yours in haste, Henry M. Bissell.

Santa Fe. N. M.
Oct. 27.

Via Nogales, Arizona.

Fuerte, E. de Sinaloa, Mexico, Oct. 16, 1893.

Rev. N. S. Clark, D. D.
1 Somerset St., Boston, Mass., U. S. A.

Dear Brother:

My first impulse, on reading yours of Sept. 20th, was to hasten to explain that the remarkable fact about this Station & District is not so much any success that has been achieved, but rather the tolerant spirit,— almost waiting spirit I may say,— of many of the people here. This has been from the first, & continues to be, a wonderful & encouraging fact. Large confidence and welcome are accorded to us & give hope. But of actual success, more might be said if we could report groups of true inquirers at various points throughout the parish. Some such persons there are here and there. They are often (naturally) of the better class of romanists and only a very real work of grace can lead them to break with the old church.

From our little church of 16 members we have been obliged to erase one name, for immorality not forsaken even after labor & promises & patience. A sad but salutary lesson for the church, (entire unanimity of feeling about the necessity of the step.) — & community.

Last week I had a hearty welcome & attentive tho not large audiences at Bamicori, Tetamoro, San Lazaro &

Chinobampo. Of Josi Sanchez and his wife at Sauda. I have great hopes as candidates for church membership.

The loss of our helper (from Guadalajara) to the work, through the fall of his wife, + their remaining (returning) to Chinobampo, is deplored. Yet its power for evil is largely abridged. How much he might be doing! - for good.

I hope to have health + strength to be on the road in this pueblo + rough work pretty constantly now, until next annual meeting. There is no denying that this third hot season here has been a very hard pull. So much so that we feel that, should life be spared, a return or release of a few months next summer may be a necessity.

We shall look with great interest for the outcome of the suggestion we sent you last week, of the possible securing of Miss Haskins for work here. No girls' school in this town this year, except our own for the little ones! - + none of any importance in the District. And the worthy (!) "father" outraging his flock by telling them that those who cannot read are "burros" - asses. Now is the time for an evangelical girls' school on strong foundation. Mrs. Bissell cannot - has not the strength to do what she did last year. Her oldest pupil, a capable young woman, is conducting a school, as indicated above,

under Mrs. Bissell's direction. This will be an element in the case if Miss Hastings can come. We think a number of large girls can be secured at once.

We thank you for words of sympathy in the affliction of Henry's loss. We do indeed hope for & expect spiritual good, both for him & for ourselves, in evidence of our Heavenly Father's always loving care. We are cheered by very encouraging words from Mrs. Little, touching the manner in which he seems to be effected by it; — also by a precious letter from himself. Of the precise manner in which he got the fall we are not yet fully informed. Mr. Stratton, the friend at Harvey who entertained Henry, an old friend of ours & a very careful man, thinks the Rail R. Company "ought" to give him a purse. I do not put any reliance on that, except as a suggestion that blame may not have attached to the lad as one might infer.

However much we regret delay in the entering of Howland upon work with the young men, the temporary relief afforded Brother Wright by the employment of Mr. Hoblitt is doubtless a good thing (X) — viewed as temporary. We do wonder that Mr. Eaton can "hope" it may prove permanent. He has appeared to share the unanimous conviction that Howland

(X) such an appointment would cause his misgivings were it to the general work instead of this very special work of training young men.)

has special + rare fitness for that work, and yet seems unwilling that he should enter upon it. As to the thought of occupying both Howland Wright at El Paso, neither the Mission nor the Prudential Committee, I believe, has agreed that that would be needful.

Mrs. Bissell joins me in most cordial regards.

Very truly yours. Henry M. Bissell.

Rec'd Dec. 1, 1880

I am sorry to report that our South. Meth. brethren seem to have abandoned Alamos, after three years labor amid much opposition. They even wanted me to take it off their hands! Had pleasant visit last week from their native helper & family, leaving that point unsupplied, on his way to Culiacán. My hands are more than full at home.

Via Nogales, Arizona.

Fuerte, E. de Sinaloa, Mexico, Dec. 18, '93.

Rev. N. G. Clark, D.D.

Dear Brother: —

Yours of Oct. 27 came duly to hand. It seemed decisive as to hope of aid from Miss Haskins; yet I may add, in confidence, that our thought was based not only on her own suggestion, but as well on the situation in Guadalajara. However, we agree that our proposal or rather suggestion, would have to be entirely subordinate to prior claims.

All through the District a welcome is accorded to the Word. The round of the twenty-five preaching places was completed (I wrote you of its beginning) just in time for a true Thanksgiving at home. For a little time just now it seems to be my duty to be laboring at home.

A special interest is seen here in Fuerte at the present time. It dates from the joyful testimony given by one of our young sisters on her death bed. She had lingered long. Fear departed, a sweet confidence filled her soul & loosed her tongue, — to the astonishment of those who know death only as a terror. At her funeral, some 50 or more were present. The Sabbath evening following, our largest audience, of 150, attention to the subject of a Happy Death. Then we have utilized the time of special Mariolatry, more recent, with a discourse on the life of the Virgin Mary, & that leads to Nuestro Refugio — last evening giving the first of a series of sermons

on the Life of Christ, to an audience of 50.

I should have said that on this recent journey at several points, such as Zaragoza and Mochicagui, the audiences ~~was~~ were the most encouraging yet secured. The priest of that region is active and virulent, — and infidelity too is a power. Yet as thoughtful hearing is being secured, and there are individual cases of much interest.

The presence of women in many of these audiences is to be noticed.

With our kindest regards,

Very truly yours, Henry M. Kissell.

Rec'd Jan. 1, '94

Via Nogales, Arizona.

Fuerte, E. de Sinaloa, Mexico, Jan. 1, '94.

Rev. N. S. Clark, D. D.
1 Somerset St., Boston, U.S.A.

Dear Brother:

Permit me to add another to the happy greetings of the day.

Yours of Dec. 15 is just here. Its opening clause is quite correct,— the S.M.'s did propose that I take Alamos off their hands. But my willingness or inclination to assume it was presupposed by one of the brethren without warrant. I wrote at once that I had no desire to be "obispo in partibus" to Alamos. In my own district I seem compelled to make a circuit of some 400 miles with some 25 preaching places. Audiences from 12 to 50 outside of Fuerte, & the people there for much larger attendance. Plainly I cannot do more for Alamos (until I have native helpers) than I can for Alaska.

You are entirely right, too, as to the nature of the field up there. An isolated point (only two or three outlying points, & those are silver-camps of dubious prospects), & fanatical,— a second La Boca.

No, the Lord favored us in letting the S.M.'s take their pick of this State.

There are glimpses of entering light on our border southward. Doña Lutrudio, she that was our Bible woman for a time, went to visit a sister at Ocorroni, 22 leagues south of us. She has returned

to be with us during Week of Prayer & at Communion. A friend of hers in C., one Doña Refugio, is much interested and desires particular explanations on certain points in writing — which I prepare. And further, has sent up a trusty & intelligent serving man, an Indian who reads well, to satisfy himself to some extent. He was here for conversation & at services yesterday, & today has bot a large Bible for Doña R. & Testament for his sister, who had one the which the priest got hold of by a trick — she having declined to lend it to him. And this Don Albino will lend this Bible for two weeks to a friend at El Pozo, on his road home, — hoping to return here in two weeks.

And so, may the Word have free course!

Mine of the 10th you will be receiving now.

During December it has seemed to me prudent to labor at home. On the 28th a new member was added to the force at this Station, — a son. Both his mother & he are doing nicely. Directly after the week of prayer I expect to be upon the road again.

Another interested attendant at services two weeks passed is another sister of Doña Gertrudis, here on a visit from Culiacán. She it was that wrote Doña G. so bitterly after her being received to the church. To whom I replied, at Doña G's request, — a letter that was — so I was told — duly burned in the Bishop's palace. And now Doña Zenobia is listening & reading, — her prejudice largely gone.

Praise God, who worketh. Who can hinder Him?

Our kindest regards. Henry M. Birrell.

Recd Jan. 13.

Copy.

Fuerte, Jan. 29, 1894.

Dear Brethren of the Mission:

Ever since the latter part of last hot season we have felt there would be need of making a request which I will now indicate. It is, for leave of absence from the time of next Annual Meeting until October or November following, — five or six months. We base the request entirely on the ground of expediency as a health measure, on account of the intense heat, the debilitation of which we have, both of us, experienced so ~~severely~~ seriously in the third successive season that it seemed, and still seems, that it should be escaped this year if possible. We would make no mention of the time spent in the field, for we did have a run home, not long ago, at our own charges (with salary continued), and should not think of leaving now but for the reason given above.

We realize that it is not a favorable time to be asking that any extra expense be incurred on our account. If the absence be not less than five months, and in connection with attendance at the Annual Meeting, and Goodell's probable transportation in any case, to remain in school, there ought not to be any considerable cost, expense, to the Board above what salary would amount to for the same period.

Our first thought was of California, but since September's news, and in view of the expected placing of another son in Oberlin, we have great desire to be free to go thither. We hope the mind of the Mission on the subject may be made known with the round of this letter if possible. Even that will not be at hand here until March. As I understand, the Mission recommends, subject to the Board.

Yours in haste,

Henry M. Tissell.

Recd Mch. 19.

Answered

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Via Nogales, Arizona.

Fuerte, E. de Sinaloa, Mexico, 2/12/9

Rev. N. G. Clark, D. D.
1 Somerset St., Boston.

Dear Brother:

Returning from up river Saturday I found here yours of Jan. 26. Many thanks for kind wishes for our little one. He is doing quite well, so that Mrs. Bissell is again aiding in the school some each day. We bow to the inevitable in the matter of teacher + wait in hope. School is disposed to grow in spite of its disabilities.

I would like to tell you particularly of work the three weeks past in the upper part of the field, but cannot today as I am just starting south to be out two weeks.

We have written the Mission asking them to approve leave of absence for five months, during coming hot seasons. Our experience during the third successive season led us to feel that such a step would be very necessary. We feel the need of avoiding extra expense to the Board. If the Prudential Committee grants this absence, in connection with attendance on Annual Meeting, and in view of probable necessity of placing our second son, Lodell, in Oberlin, we hope to be able to spend the time there without greatly overpassing the salary that the same period would represent. I would stay six months, but that I want to be on the field again as early as possible.

Yours in haste, Henry M. Bissell.

Recd. Feb. 27.

Huerta, E. de Sinaloa, Mexico, 3/3/94.

Rev. N. G. Clark, D.D.
1 Somerset St., Boston, Mass., U.S.A.

Dear Brother:

Last mail brought the response from the brethren of this Mission, answering the letter a copy of which I enclose herewith. As the request for a short vacation or leave of absence for five months meets the unanimous approval of the Mission we present it for the consideration of the Committee. The letter explains or states our expectation & intention that the expense be kept, if possible, within the salary limits for the corresponding period. Of course, as exchange now is, we cannot be sure of this, but our desire is simply to reach Oberlin, rest there, & return. For any side excursions we may make we would prefer to draw on our own funds.

In case the above request be granted we shall not need to ask for a grant for the transfer of our second son, Goodell, to Oberlin.

As will be seen from the letter, our reason for asking the furlough is the feeling that it would unsafe and unwise to spend a fourth hot season here.

I came back from the down-river trip much encouraged by the hearing obtained and hopeful of being physically able to continue upon the road as con-

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tantly as I had been for weeks, but that night the grippe took hold of me + pneumonia was threatened. Am just getting about again.

Cordially yours,

Harry M. Pissell.

Received
Rec'd Nich. 18.

Fuente, Mexico, April 2, 1894.

Rev. N. G. Clark, D. D.
1 Somerset St., Boston, U. S. A.

Dear Brother:

Yours of March 20th is just at hand, and that of March 14th is still unanswered. Today I can write but briefly. I resumed travel last week but was overtaken by fever when nearly thirty miles from home and had to return. Was able to attend to services yesterday, — an impressive communion service, with numerous impenitent hearers, last evening, — yet am not very stout today.

We are sincerely grateful for the leave of absence kindly granted by the Prudential Committee. Coupled with your assurance that the Committee would generously consider extraordinary demands which may arise, I think we may feel justified in taking the respite, — altho our request seems to have been understood somewhat differently from our intention. I stated, as a matter of comparison, that after taking certain unavoidable expenses into account (our son's transfer to Oberlin, and attendance at Annual Meeting), we expected to keep the expense to the

39 Board, "if possible", within salary limits for the same period, tho "of course, as exchange now is, we cannot be sure of this". Yet (as we are earnest of our purpose) we would ~~would~~ charge side expenses to our own account, our intention being to ask the Committee for only direct traveling expenses to Oberlin, subsistence there, and return.

I suppose we are warranted in considering that the grant, taken in connection with your assurance above referred to, practically covers the request. Am I to infer that the request for grant for expense of Loodell's transfer to Oberlin should be presented separately, as was Henry's two years ago?

Very cordially yours,

Henry M. Russell.

Rec'd Apr. 1st.

The church ~~& Sabbath~~ expects to continue its Sabbath school & mid-week services & its Christian Endeavor meetings during our absence, all in our house, to be occupied by one of the christian families.

Via Nogales, Arizona.

Fuerte, E. de Sinaloa, Mexico, 4/30/94.

Rev. N. J. Clark, D.D.
1 Somerset St., Boston, Mass., U.S.A.

Dear Brother:

Yours of the 14th inst is just at hand. Brother Crawford's death has come as a heavy blow to us all. Not only do we mourn with the afflicted family:— particularly in the present circumstances of Mr. Case's absence the situation from a Mission standpoint is grave, and demands most prayerful consideration.

We still expect to stop in H. on our way up, and are in communication with Mrs. Crawford relative thereto. She writes that, altho already breaking up, she expects still to be ~~there~~ in H. at the time when we can hope to reach there. It is to be remembered that we cannot command our date of starting. Am in correspondence, some time since, to learn date when we can "catch" a vessel, steamer if possible, from either Agiabampo or Topolobampo, to Guaymas. Hope to leave here in about two weeks. In that case, might have nearly two weeks in Hermosillo.

The question of occupancy is indeed most serious, — so serious that we cannot enter upon it at the present moment, more than to observe that we have not been able to learn of any Station on this coast, either of this or of any other Mission, that affords such a range of open preaching places as does this Fuente valley district with its (claimed) 32,000 inhabitants. This fact is recognized by our S. M. brethren, and just because we have not acquired property here it would seem necessary to hold right on if will retain the work.

The greater inaccessibility of this Station also makes its casual visitation far more difficult than that would be for H.°; altho if the two native preachers, needed here, were on the ground itinerating, one in the upper valley, one in the lower, the case would be different.

We do trust the matter may be arranged in some way that may not suggest even a temporary abandonment of this little church, — this new & growing work. We pray the Lord may send the unmarried brother a help meet for him.

I think we clearly understand, now, the terms of our furlough. Permit me to repeat,

by way of explanation, that on no account should we think of taking this leave of absence, did it seem positively imprudent to stay here another hot season just now. Our first request, for leave of absence with necessary expenses to Oberlin and return, seems not to have been so understood and was not so granted. We go therefore (since present physical condition compels) at our own charges, as before. I was somewhat in doubt whether the observation in your former letter, about a willingness on the part of the Committee to make some further grant in case of need, might apply to the discrepancy that very possibly may appear between our salary, at present rate of exchange, and the unavoidable expense above mentioned, but I now understand that it would apply only to such extraordinary expenses as, we trust, may not occur. Having at present a considerable balance with Treasurer in our favor (partly owing to the use of private funds here during the past year) we have hope of avoiding debt. A return sooner than the time expected (October) would make it more difficult to avoid it, since the long railway fares are the heavy part of the expense.

It is quite evident that we shall need to ask for the customary grant for the transfer of our second son, Goodell, to remain at Oberlin. Our other three children accompany us.

Since I last wrote you I ventured out again and had an engaging trip clear down to the last village on the river. But fever again compelled me to hasten home.

It is time to consider our address temporarily changed, we may receive mail at Hermosillo as late as May 25 or 28th – then at El Paso or Chihuahua till June 5th or 6th.

Will you please present to the Prudential Committee our request for permission to send (bring) our son Loodell, age 1½ years, home to attend school at Oberlin, including the usual grant in aid.

Mrs. Pissell joins me in kind regards.

Very cordially yours. Henry M. Pissell.

Rec'd May 14

Cleveland, O., July 11, 1894.

Rev. N. G. Clark, D.D.
1 Somerset St., Boston, Mass.

Dear Brother:

Three weeks ago today we reached Oberlin and are enjoying our rest immensely. It has been my intention to have written your days ago, but many interruptions have hindered. Today Henry and I have come to Cleveland to attend the C.E.S.C.E. Convention. A little delay through failure of the supply of badges gives me a moment to write.

I could not begin to tell you how kindly we have been welcomed at Oberlin. Through the kindness of Mrs. Little and others we were able to make ourselves at home at once in a commodious house very pleasantly located near Judson Cottage.

Oberlin, 7/14. After two most inspiring days at Cleveland we returned home yesterday. I had the pleasure of meeting Dr. Hitchcock there. Yet I was sorry to learn that he had the impression that Mr. Goulding could not be expected to come to our aid in Mexico.

In this connection, we are wondering how matters may turn relative to a teacher for Puerto. The matter has of course come before

Puerto, April 30, 1894

you at the rooms and the report of our annual meeting has set forth the fact that out of our regular appropriation as a Mission there could be spared a sum nearly equal to the yearly salary of the teacher desired.

We should be sorry to lose the hope of Mr. Moulding's addition to our force. But in case he does not go to Hermosillo I suppose we might expect that Miss Burroughs would accept the position at Fuerte, as suggested by the Mission in the event of a single man being located at Hermosillo.

It has pained us to learn that the labor has of late proven too great for your strength. I wished to write you a line about this long weeks ago; but that was at a time of weakness and weariness to myself and thus was permitted to pass by. You have been as a father to us in all these years of our service under the Board's direction, and we can but hope, still, that rest and recuperation may be possible, so that you may continue to counsel and care for us. Mrs. Bissell joins me in this hope, and in most cordial regards.

Please remember us kindly to Dr. Daniels.

Very truly yours, Henry M. Bissell

Rec'd
July 16.

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Of course we recognize, and with pain, the stress that is upon the dear old Board.

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Oberlin, O., Aug. 27th, 1894.

Rev. N. G. Clark, D.D.,
1 Somerset St., Boston.

Dear Brother: Your recent favors came while I was absent at Northfield. I hope you have seen or may yet see the photograph of our school, — Dr. Daniels took a copy with him from Chihuahua. That will help a little to an understanding of the situation. Dr. Daniels will remember that it was clearly seen that while we have neither buildings nor teacher we have the girls.

Pardon the lateness of the enclosed reports. Earlier I had not the data, statistical, and beside, I was so tired I just neglected all work. Am now, oh! so much stronger! Not quite three months vacation yet, but it seems like a year of privilege. After middle of September expect to start westward.

Cordially yours,

Henry M. Bissell.

Recd Aug. 29.

Oberlin, O., Sept. 7, 1894.

Rev. N. G. Clark, D. D.
1 Somerset St., Boston.

Dear Brother:

Perhaps I ought to inquire more particularly about the disposition of teaching force, as between Hermosillo and Fuerte. We have no desire to see Hermosillo deprived of its teacher. Indeed Dr. Daniels will remember that we have felt there was some special reason that would deter us from urging any change, preferring to let matters work ~~as they~~ and accept results.

Yet it seems quite desirable to know before our return, if Miss Burrows is to be transferred to our Station. Such was the course plainly pointed out by the Mission, in case a married man could not be secured for Hermosillo before this fall.

We understand that just this is the expected condition of things for Hermosillo for the present. And still we get no indication of any intention, on Miss Burrows' part, of going to Fuerte, but rather the contrary.

We feel the more anxious about this, since,

in the event of her deciding not to go to the more remote Fuerte Station, the way would seem to be open for securing some one in her place.

It will be seen that this does not come as a ~~request for~~ suggestion of the appointment of an additional worker.

With our kindest regards,

Cordially yours,

Henry M. Pissell.

Recd Sept. 10.

Oberlin, O., Sept. 13th, 1894.

Rev. N. G. Clark, D.D.
1 Somerset St., Boston.

Dear Brother:

Your letter brings us the best news we have heard for many a day, — that the Casas can return to Mexico and will be near us, at Hermosillo!

We fully appreciate the circumstances making necessary further delay in granting a teacher for Fuerte, — and heartily thank you for the assurance that this will receive attention at the earliest opportunity.

Cordially yours,

Kate M. Pizzell

Filed Sept. 15.

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Oberlin, O., 9/22/94.

Rev. C. H. Daniels, D.D.
1 Somerset Street, Boston.

Dear Brother:

Dr. Clark kindly suggests that I write to you about the matter of teacher for Fuerte, since you were at Chihuahua and have direct knowledge of the situation. Mr. Eaton also speaks of the possibility of an appointment, since a considerable part of the funds needed the Mission has been able to save from expenditure, and recommended the use of such funds in this direction, should the Board be able to approve & should candidate appear.

Such a candidate there is, well recommended by Mrs. Birlew (she that was Miss Stahl, in the service at El Paso), a Miss Nina E. Samson, of Albergueque, N. M. Miss Stahl was associated with her in New West work. Miss Samson knows some Spanish & is studying the language with intention of offering for service with the Board. She of course knows, as we all do, the present distress. Actual application has been delayed on this account. But we feel somewhat encouraged to write her of the possibilities, in view of the existence of funds above referred to.

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Three months in Oberlin have been very restful & enjoyable; a great refreshing in many ways.

We are to leave here Tuesday next. About a month more of vacation will be indulged, in Illinois and Kansas, among relatives and friends. I hope to run up to Madison Oct. 10.

Next week our address will be Wheaton, Ill. Oh if it may be possible to secure a teacher.

We are greatly rejoiced in the expected return of the Cases to the work — & to Hermosillo. That naturally enables Miss Burrows to continue there.

The boy you baptized in Chihuahua makes steady growth and is almost nine months old.

Mrs. Bissell unites with me in kind regards.

Cordially yours,

Henry M. Bissell

Henry M. Bissell
Oberlin Ohio
Sept. 22. 1894
Recd Sept 24

HENRY M. BISSELL,
FUERTE, SINALOA, MEXICO.
VIA NOGALES, ARIZONA.

STATIONS,
GUADALAJARA, CHIHUAHUA,
HERMOSILLO, EL PASO,
PARRAL, FUERTE.

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J. L. B.
12-13
1-3-95

Fuerte, Mexico, Nov. 30th, 1894.

Rev. J. L. Barton, D. D.
1 Somerset St., Boston, Mass., U. S. A.

Dear Brother:

Few days ago we had the great pleasure of being once more among our people, receiving a most joyous welcome from the members of the church, and a very cordial one from many other friends.

With the exception of preaching services, the church has faithfully maintained its usual meetings during our absence. We have been in correspondence with them during this time. I think they gained something in ability to stand alone through this experience.

Now we pray for a deepening work of grace in all renewed hearts, and that it may extend.

I hope to get out among the pueblos and ranches as soon I can replace an excellent horse, that died during our absence, tho left in good hands.

We are filled with gratitude that we are permitted to be here again in the work, with this people face to face for the Master, refreshed in body, mind & heart by the high privileges of the sojourn for a time in our own land.

Cordially yours,

Henry M. Bissell.

Charlie, Nov. 30, 1894.

Y M. BISSELL,
FUERTE, SINALOA, MEXICO.
LES, ARIZONA.

STATIONS,
ADALAJARA, CHIHUAHUA,
RMOSILLO, EL PASO,
RRAL, FUERTE.

C. H. D.
Rec'd 2-27-95
Ans'd.

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Fuerte, Feb. 12, 1895.

Rev. G. H. Daniels, D.D.
1 Somerset St., Boston, U.S.A.

Dear Brother:

I was very glad to receive yours of 16th ult. and to comply with request for letter to the Church in Thomasville, Ga. The matter went at once upon my list of things immediate, but today is the first day I could reach it. I would very much like to write you particularly of present matters here, but cannot. For I must be ready to start in the morning on the 'long trip' southward. So I will enclose the letter to Brother Sargent direct to you, to read before forwarding.

We, too, look back with deep pleasure to your visit at our last annual meeting. I think I may well tell you that we had spoken beforehand of the possibility of having our little one baptized at Chihuahua, but had concluded it might not, all considered, seem quite the thing to do. But when Mrs. Eaton suggested it we most cordially approved, and shall never cease to be glad that it was done there, and just as it was. Yes, the lad grows finely. So just now delighting us with his first steps, — and words more & more.

We remember you, around that Committee table. We see the problems, a little. And we bring it all to the Master — as you do, and all the work here.

Cordial regards to Dr. Barton — to whom I hope to write as soon as I again have a few days in.

Mrs. Bissell unites with me in kind regards.

Very cordially yours, Henry M. Bissell.

Fuerte, Mexico

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RY M. BISSELL,
FUERTE, SINALOA, MEXICO.
OGALES, ARIZONA.

STATIONS,
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J. L. B.
3-19-95
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Fuerte, March 4, 1895.

Rev. J. L. Barton, D.D.
1 Somerset St., Boston.

Dear Brother: The work both here in Fuerte and out in the pueblos and ranches continues to present this interesting feature, that a numerous + very attentive hearing is generally secured. At the same time we are impressed by the evident hardness of many hearts. Here, where the preaching has been pretty constant since our return, a goodly number have seemed to be quite deeply impressed by the claims of the gospel — some definitely declaring their purpose to accept Christ + obey Him. We have had high hopes for these, — hoping with trembling. And so sadly and so soon have fears been realized that we know not what to confidently expect, as to immediate results. But this fact remains: more interest in the hearing of the Message is shown than ever before. But let the bell give its invitation, and an audience of forty or more is seated, and a considerable number at the doors intently listening. And this too when the preaching is, more than ever before, direct + personal, warning + invitation.

To turn the life right about is a tremendous undertaking here, — can only be done as the helm is put in the divine hand. In some quarters there has been an inclination to soften the urgency of the fourth commandment in order to make the way a little easier for some, we should have to suggest that over

here the stress is more likely to come in connection with the seventh, — or else under the command: Be not drunken.

In the country places too the attention has generally been close, there being some persons whose thoughtfulness on these occasions is noticeable. But it is pitiable to think how infrequent are the visits of the missionary to these twenty-~~two~~ outside points.

The frequent attendance of groups of boys at various places is leading me to speak first briefly to them directly opening up some Bible treasure of which they are quite ignorant.

Our Christian Endeavor Society is undertaking to carry out the suggestion of the Cleveland convention, raising an average of two cents per week, per member, for Missions. Good collections are also being taken for church expenses. A part of the expense of our recent enlargement of place of worship was assumed by the church.

I can hardly realize that the date of our Annual Meeting begins to draw near. May we not hope that you may be permitted to meet with us? We are convinced of the exceeding helpfulness of such presence, helpfulness at every point. I earnestly hope you may be there.

Very cordially yours,

Fanny M. Pissell.

Miss Fanny M. Pissell.

HENRY M. BISSELL,
FUERTE, SINALOA, MEXICO.
NOGALES, ARIZONA.

STATIONS,
GUADALAJARA, CHIHUAHUA,
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PARRAL, FUERTE.

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Fuerte, April 5, 1895.

Rev. J. L. Barton, D.D.
1 Somerset St., Boston.

Dear Brother: There comes to hand by today's mail a request that each missionary of this Mission write to Dr. Barton urging the appointment of Rev. W. B. Pratt to labor as itinerant evangelist in this Mission, — stating that he is expecting, in the course of a year or two, or possibly more, to be again employed in the Bible translation work. It is urged in the connection that, owing to Mr. Crawford's death, and the absence of Mr. Case one year, this Mission has saved of its regular appropriations enough, or nearly so, to support Mr. Pratt for two years.

I am sorry that I am unable to accede to Mr. Eaton's request, for reasons that may be indicated by certain questions.

Why such haste as to preclude consultation over so important a matter, either by circular letter or in Annual Meeting next month — if indeed we as a Mission are to take the initiative.

Again, if the Mission is keeping so well inside its appropriations, why, oh! why! might we not have a teacher here in Fuerte? This is indeed a crying need;

— one that both Mission and Secretaries have recognized as among the first to be filled — waiting only for funds. — And would not a two-years' support for Mr. Pratt go as far for a lady teacher? — And beyond two years, might we not trust the Lord for further support?

If it be replied that Mr. Pratt's appointment is suggested only for a limited term; — does not the wording above as to his expectation, leave the probable length of this term quite uncertain?

I am inclined to say a word as to the matter of having the appointment of possible future associates come before us, as for our approval or disapproval; but I forbear, only suggesting that we have great confidence in Secretaries & Prudential Committee, who ~~have~~ are in position to discuss every bearing of a given case delicately, thoroughly, ~~fa~~ impartially.

Very cordially yours,

Henry N. Dissel

HENRY M. BISSELL,
FUERTE, SINALOA, MEXICO.
NOGALES, ARIZONA.

STATIONS,
GUADALAJARA, CHIHUAHUA,
HERMOSILLO, EL PASO,
PARRAL, FUERTE.

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Fuerte, Aug. 7, 1895.

Rev. Judson Smith, D.D.
1 Somerset St., Boston, U.S.A.

Dear Brother: I hope the delay, which seemed necessary, in making out the enclosed report, may not have caused inconvenience. For one thing, I wished to read the Supplementary Report which you sent, before taking up the Blank. I find that Report full of interest and of promise for the future.

Very sorry so much has to remain blank on my report. We two, single-handed, humanly speaking, in this populous District, and, for that matter in all this territory of southern Sonora and northern Sinaloa.

I have it upon my mind to write Dr. Barton — oh! he is away for Japan! — I neglected writing him, under pressure of — well hot-air pressure. From ~~May~~ June to October inclusive we have an 'Aden' down here. This year we are giving thanks for very good health withal.

Very cordially yours,

Henry M. Bissell.

Recd Aug. 22

AY M. BISSELL,
FUERTE, SINALOA, MEXICO.
SALES, ARIZONA.

STATIONS,
GUADALAJARA, CHIHUAHUA,
HERMOSILLO, EL PASO,
PARRAL, FUERTE.

C. H. D.
Rec'd 11.15.95
Ans'd 14

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Fuerte Oct. 31st 1895

Rev. Chas. H. Daniels, D.D.
1 Somerset St., Boston, U.S.A.

Dear Brother: We were frequently remembering you all during the days of the great meeting, for news of which we look with solicitude. They should reach us quite soon now. I have very clearly in memory the sense of burden resting upon all connected with the work when at Madison, and particularly upon those of you who are brought into daily and hourly contact with it in all its bearings.

We have been permitted to pass the season's heat without sickness of any consequence, and with cooler weather are realizing a return of strength. I expect to be out among the ranchos during the coming week and to alternate between that work and this in town from now till Annual Meeting. One feature of the past summer's work here with the church has been a systematic and united reading of the Bible, giving attention in our various meetings to a designated portion read at home. The growth of interest in this has been encouraging.

Just here I may say, in connection with the work in town, — and in the outlying work as well, — with friendly relations established with a large number of people, we are compelled to realize what a valley of dry bones and corruption this is, and to desire the life-giving breath divine. One is led to ponder the scene when the apostle stretches forth the hand, saying in the name of his Master, and ours, Rise up and walk! The power of the Master is the very same today, — yet the number of

those who have not yet risen up, leaping and praising God, is sadly large.

On the first of the present month this coast was visited by a terrible storm attended by considerable loss of life in some places and with large destruction of property. This District has probably never experienced such a wide spread devastation, such an emphatic reminder that rich and poor alike have nothing permanent here.

We have been a good deal surprised and cast down by the sudden action of the Mission in regard to the Hermosillo teacher, — passing over the long waiting Fuerte to locate her in work both new and remote. Of course you understand how and why we could not take the iniciative in getting her here (indeed we did not so much as know she was to be spared from Hermosillo), but also you will remember that we expressed our willingness to accept her for Fuerte a year and a half ago, and for months we quite expected she was to have returned here with us.

The passing by of Fuerte's need is what pains us most. Girls wont ~~also~~ stay girls always. School age passes. If the Batopilas move were to facilitate our having some other teacher, and very soon, we could think it a kind providence. While not wishing to be "choosers" we must continue to be "beggars". Since 1892 the Mission has formally and repeatedly recognized the need of a girls' school here. Now having had ~~had~~ it in their power to have done it they have not done it. Can the Board help us? Will the

present circumstances allow it? We of this Station reduced our appropriation ~~to~~ by an ammount exceeding $500 this last annual meeting, hoping thus to aid a little toward the desired end.

If a teacher could be coming right on, Mrs. Bissell would be encouraged to open school at once, and carry it, D.V., till the ~~the~~ new comer could fall in line. Should there be lack of candidate, we might be able to do something in that direction, — altho, expecting Miss Burns as we did while in the States last year, we could not make search as we otherwise would gladly have done.

In Dr. Barton's absence I have written you, knowing that you have information gained in meeting with us in Lhi-hua. I have delayed writing quite too long. During the heat correspondence fares hard.

Mrs. Bissell unites with me in kind regards.

Very cordially yours,

Henry M. Bissell.

Fuerte, Mexico

Oct. 31. 1895

Rec'd Nov. 15

RY M. BISSELL,
FUERTE, SINALOA, MEXICO.
OGALES, ARIZONA.

STATIONS,
GUADALAJARA, CHIHUAHUA,
HERMOSILLO, EL PASO,
PARRAL, FUERTE.

J. L. B.
Rec'd
Ans'd 1-31-96

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Fuerte, 1/13/1896.

Rev. G. H. Daniels.
1 Somerset St., Boston, U.S.A.

Dear Brother: Your kind letter of Nov. 19th came duly to hand and I need not assure you that we appreciate the situation and have no thought of complaint, great as is our regret that no teacher can be had for Fuerte. And now, that word has just reached us of retrenchment as sad as it is in many cases, we know right well that it is quite time that this Mission should come in for her share in the reduction. We have long looked on with pain at cutting down in other fields, and I am sure the similar (it cannot be the same) process, unfortunate tho it seem, cannot be as disastrous here as it has already been in many other places. And so far as our own salaries are concerned, I think we shall all be able to get along with that, and ~~to~~ hope to be permitted to see other parts of the schedule improved first.

We watch with intense interest to see whether our country shall be aroused to do something for Turkey; — and to see what American christians may do for the surviving sufferers. Our little church here had forwarded its mite in aid. Meantime, if the idea shall become prominent, that there do exist abroad, important "American interests" other than commercial, a point will have been gained.

The "Congress of Religions" is still in progress:— Mohamedanism has the platform. — and Romanism as well, the modern Romanism of apparitions & the like. Her latest utterance is the recent burning alive of nine or ten "heretics", together with the jail in which they had been placed, — and all because "the saints, who appeared to certain persons, said it must be done, and done at once." This in a Mexican village! It is almost unbelievable, but the evidence seems conclusive.

(+) The superior authorities have visited the place and arrested some twenty or more, including village authorities, who did the deed.

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The work at Batopilas has indeed been a surprise in several ways. It continues very encouraging. Mr. Case has urged me to come up and assist in organization of a church. In fact I am expecting to start very early tomorrow morning. He has suggested that he may accompany me for a brief visit on my return & I think this may well offset my absence for a little time, in increased interest here. We have been having good meetings, with several new hearers in regular attendance.

That lad whom you baptized is a picture of health and has, I may almost say, two "mother-tongues", — English & Spanish — and keeps both running! With our kindest regards, Your brother, Henry M. Pisseill.

M. BISSELL,
FUERTE, SINALOA, MEXICO.
LES, ARIZONA.

STATIONS,
ADALAJARA, CHIHUAHUA,
RMOSILLO, EL PASO,
RAL, FUERTE.

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Fuerte, 3/6/ 1896.

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.
1 Somerset St., Boston, Mass., U.S.A.

Dear Brother:

Your welcome letter of Jan. 31st has been waiting while I have hoped for more time for reply than I can yet command.

I must at least hasten to say that we fully appreciate the difficulties under which the Committee labors, and in the circumstances fully approve the cut in our salaries. And as to the much greater reduction in other lines of Mission expenditure, we know it falls far more disastrously upon other Missions than upon our own, — so that we must be content to take our turn.

The work at Batopilas is indeed a most interesting one. I count it great privilege to have been permitted to assist there, with Brother Case, some nine days in January. You will doubtless have been informed, before this, that this mining town is distant a long four days from Fuerte (our district being its nearest base of supplies) and nine days from Chihuahua. The good work done by Brother Case, together with the hopeful outlook for self-support there, will, I presume, go far to justify this quite unexpected transference of the force from Hermosillo around to Batopilas. The work had made a good beginning there under the guidance of one of our students, Ignacio Lopez, who spent last summer there.

Meanwhile, poor Hermosillo is at a very low ebb.

In general, our work here goes on without special ~~ch~~ change. The touring season this year seems very short, being diminished first by absence during the Batopilas trip (I was caught in the snow and was over a week in returning), and second by the earlier date this year of our coming annual meeting.

The attendance upon our services is very constant on the part of the church families, - and quite variable outside of that. Sometimes we have only two or three of these wayside hearers, and at other times the number rises to ten, fifteen, or more. Two were received to the church at our last communion and two others, a mother and daughter, were received as candidates. We are rejoicing in the reconciliation of two of our members husband + wife who for months had been sadly estranged from each other.

An attentive hearing is secured in the many outlying places, but we are grieved that the invitation, personal and urgent, is so little heeded. So many are friendly and seemingly convinced, and --- nothing more. Yet there are individual cases of much interest here and there. I should like to tell you of one and another + another.

Yes indeed, Romanism is dark and cruel today. She is cruel here. She dare not take life or openly persecute, but pretending to have the key of knowledge she shuts out the multitude. Our Bishop has just left us after a brief visit. The burden of his preaching was to lament that some had wandered from the fold into Protestant pastures, i.e. the Gospel fold, and to warn the mass, who remain with him, - by way of caution and wholesome fear adding the grewsome prediction that

'within the space of one month they would see what would happen to us'. Now this man has intelligence (during his former visit, four years ago, he took no account of us), and comes in an odour of sanctity from a recent visit to Rome. I take it that, with his influence, he is plunging a multitude of souls into darkness, willingly deluded. Only the All Wise One can measure this guilt, as compared with that of those ignorant fanatics, - apt pupils of such teachers, - who burned the victims of whom I wrote in my last.

We have been cheered by the arrival, + presence with us over Sabbath, of three American families of christian people who are locating at a mine two days distant in the foothills. Americans are not so very rare here, but this is first time that our people have seen Americans of our own faith present with us in Sabbath services. These friends are from Texas, - are of the Southern Methodist Church, - so that our people have had a visible illustration of the unity of the faith.

I do not know that we can say more as to our need of a teacher. I fear the fact that the Mission (Board, rather) is or seems to be, relieved of Miss Burris's support - though a self-supporting school at Batopilas, and the fact that this Station has sacrificed somewhat to reduce its figure in the estimates, with the hope of a teacher in view - I fear these things may not count for much in securing us one. I think we had reason to be more than surprised when, - a teacher being available, - she was detailed to an entirely new point, ~~with~~ on very incomplete consultation within the Mission, and none, I suppose, with

the Board. Our ~~disposition~~ desire to let the disposit
or locating of this teacher be providentially determined
may have been mistaken for apathy in the matter.
We had expected her at our Station two years
ago and should have welcomed her now.

Please remember us kindly to Dr. Daniels.

Cordially yours,

Henry M. Pisselle

Fresno, Mexico.
3/10/96.

Gratitude is expressed at the safe return of the Japan
tion. With reason. Reminds one of the case of the
who allowed his hat to be passed among a strange con-
gregation. Apprehensive as to the result, he afterwards
expressed his relief on seeing the hat come back.

Pardon the pleasantry; the comparison holds only in
a single point, for no one doubts that substantial results
were accomplished.

Y M. BISSELL,
FUERTE, SINALOA, MEXICO.
ALES, ARIZONA.

STATIONS,
ADALAJARA, CHIHUAHUA,
ERMOSILLO, EL PASO,
ARRAL, FUERTE.

MEXICO MISSION
OF THE
A. B. C. F. M.

Answ'd. 10-21-96

Fuerte, 5/18/ 1896.

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.
1 Somerset St., Boston, U.S.A.

Dear Brother:

Yours of April 18th I find awaiting my return from Annual Meeting, two days since. The Mission made it my duty to spend some time at Hermosillo and La Colorada on my way back, and I have felt that the situation then demanded that I report at once to you. This feeling is deepened by your letter, and still more by yours of April 29th to Mr. Elatton, a copy of which is just at hand.

I had nine days at Hermosillo and La Colorada, meeting the brethren frequently, both in public services and in private conversation. The situation leads one to cry out in distress, that it could have seemed needful to (almost) abandon the flock for so long a time. It is not a case of no sheep, but rather of no shepherd. In Hermosillo a meager seven or eight adults (14 in S.S.) came together, yet I was much encouraged by the spirit shown. The greater part of these really seem to be in earnest, disciples who love Christ's Word and live christian lives. Both they, and the helper until recently with them, assure me that there are others, here and there, who are favorably disposed, the Word finding some entrance. Still others there are whose

attitude emphasizes the need of a wise pastor. A case in point is that of a woman who is ready, — so both the helper and herself told me, — to be recieved as a member so soon as circumstances favor. She is living in violation of the seventh commandment but the man (they are unwilling to be married) is about to depart (?) to California. The need of one who can strengthen the things that remain — and make straight paths — lest the lame be turned out of the way, seems urgent.

In La Colorada the first impression is that of a strong congregation, a somewhat flourishing work. Twenty-five present in the first meeting, increasing later to thirty and forty. But here are strong elements of discord and disunion. The leading spirit here is a capable artizan, originally a smuggler, later prominent in the church at Hermosillo and here, with Mr. Crawford, until he fell into adultery, professed reform, and removed to California. He returned to La C. nearly a year ago, imbued with the idea (Salvation Army?) that church order, a pastor, &c., are quite unnecessary. He was very mild and cordial during my stay, but I have never more deeply realized that I was in the presence of grave questions demanding a full measure of divine wisdom. I am confident that not a little of that which takes place there tends to dishonor the cause of Christ, and one can but be apprehensive

for our young brother, - the same who did such good work in Batopilas a year ago — who is to come to them now within a few days. To send him there is the only expedient we have been able to devise; but evidently this presents grave dangers, in view of opposition that would be greatly checked, if not removed, by the presence of one of the missionaries.

Still further: the brethren, particularly in La Colorada, point out the opportunity for work in a more extended field (quite apart from their capital city, and this double center, Prietas and Colorada, a scant mile apart, which has proved to be a wonderfully rich gold deposit, with plant after plant of great cost, now long in successful operation, and with a corresponding population. Material for its fifteen miles of rail, to connect it with the main line, are now being laid down at Torres Station.) A good road eastward from Prietas soon strikes the Rio Mátape, an agricultural valley with its numerous ranchos and pueblos. Nácori, Mátape and Mayatán are, so they assure me, places of 1000 to 2000 inhabitants. Also, a similar region lies further north, along the Sonora river above Hermosillo, to Ures, the old capital, and still above. Along the railroad too there are unoccupied points.

So this is the impression it all makes:- an organized work, suffering grievously; a $10,000. plant almost unoccupied; an outlying work unopened; - and

our S. Methodist brethren on the borders, and looking over.

And when I think of Batopilas, where a good work is well in hand, a church well instructed since July last (i.e., its members since then instructed), and enthusiastic to approach self-support, — if I ask myself: which of these points makes the more urgent claim for the best succor that can be given it, — be it a 'new man' or be it one of the older members of the force, substituted by such a man for a time, — but one answer seems possible.

Or again, if I ask: which of these fields the better offers that central and outlying population that justifies the maintainance of a Station, the answer seems to be the same. This point was not discussed, was not reached in fact, at Chihuahua. But the utterly unbiased testimony of an ~~an~~ active + widely traveled 'Chihuahuense', Señor Quintana, one who is perfectly familiar with all the region, is to the effect that, with one or two not very important exceptions, the points around Batopilas are remote, difficult of access, and have very few white inhabitants. Indians abound, many of them utterly wild and pagan; — as precious souls as any, true, but as yet we are unable to communi-

or, conversely: which would suffer the more if left in charge of native helpers?

cate with them.

I hope I may not be at fault in thinking that the very wonderful opening at Batopilas may have obscured the view of certain less encouraging facts. The 'Company', for instance, was that to be 'christian' in its attitude, particularly in Sabbath observance -- an error which I heard forcibly corrected & proof contrary given, by Señor Valenzuela, speaking of the matter to Mr. Case. I think it only fair and prudent to remember that the interest of Gov. Shekhard, Supt. Stevens, Enrique Valenzuela, and a few other such men, is very largely secular. Of course you will have learned before this that already they begin to impose new conditions. In all good faith we took steps to meet their proposal, and now they want an experienced missionary, and this when we are in distress already.

May 20th. In the matter of teacher, I referred to the sending of Miss Burns to Batopilas, and that not by the Board at all, but by the Mission, and quite hastily. But that is done and passed. We were surprised, but acquiesce. Yet we confidently hope Fuerte may not be again passed by. Our claim, as next in order, has been formally recognized long ago. The Mission again fully approves and endorses our continued request for a teacher, should we see fit to present it. After pretty thorough re-canvass of the whole subject we do now present it, and with more of hope in view of what you write of having a candidate for Mexico. Even tho appointments were made in the way you suggest I doubt not that a recommendation attending it would have great weight. Indeed I do not see how Fuerte can be omitted if a new teacher is to be located.

We have been debating whether it might be possible to give up the hope of an evangelical school, and to urge the children connected with us to enter the municipal schools. Considering what abodes of fanaticism and cruelty and inefficiency these schools are; — and moreover, knowing the capricious and arbitrary government that rules this District, — a government whose educational policy seems malicious, — we cannot bring ourselves to do this. A teacher here is one of the most pressing needs of this Mission today. She may hope, by divine grace, to gain an influence not only within the evangelical community but far beyond. Her presence and work will add very materially and immediately to the influence of the Station.

It was suggested by one or two of our associates that we might present our application to one of the Woman's Boards. I must say we are not disposed to do this. We believe in the fullest coöperation between the home forces in the one indivisible work of the Master, and it seems more proper to look, as we always have, directly to you of the dear Old Board. If either of the Auxiliaries can and (and we trust they can) you at the Rooms will be the ones to secure this.

Rec'd June 1,

I hope my pleasantry in former letter may not have been misunderstood as applying to the important work of the Commission. It was suggested entirely by the attitude of a 'peculiar people' toward certain trust funds.

Very cordially yours,

Emily M. Pissell.

L. B.
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Mexico.
Fuerte, Nov. 7th 1896.
Via Nogales, Ariz.

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.
1 Somerset St., Boston, Mass., U.S.A.

Dear Brother: Our hearts are filled with hope and gladness this morning, and your letter of Oct. 22nd, just at hand, contributes in no small degree to this state of mind. Indeed the hope of speedy help, of an acceptable teacher ready to the work and seemingly about to be designated here, comes as a happy culmination of a series of days this week. I can only mention yesterday's item particularly:- that Doña Zenobia, a sister of the oldest member of the church here (one who was extreemly bitter in her opposition to Doña Gertrudis ["Tula"] when the latter united with us years ago), yesterday presented herself for membership with us.

Let me assure you that my failure to write weeks since has not been due to the lack of a letter from yourself. Indeed I hav just discarded a sheet on which I had begun a letter weeks ago. But ever since our return from the mountains we hav been unusally interrupted day by day and few letters hav been written.

I confess, too, to having been somewhat depresst, in days past, in view of the lack of results of late in the work of soul-saving. That didn't encourage me to write much. Now I hav been looking — less at the sea, and

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more to the Light above it, and there results a renewed confidence in telling the story in the highways and by-ways. A good deal of the preaching here has to be done in that way. A felt lack in the work hitherto has been the raising of men, lost men.

But this Saturday morning I thot I could only write a few lines to assure you of the welcome we would give to the young lady whom you mention as having applied for appointment. We should presume that the fact of her birth, i.e., origin, far from preventing her usefulness here, might rather increase it — granting she has, as is thot, the indispensable qualifications. (from what you say of Dr. B's impressions) We should presume she must have received education, or had experience, in the United States.

If her appointment is assured Mrs. Bissell would be glad to open school as soon as we can know it, carrying it along till she comes. She would also be wanting to correspond with her so soon as she may learn her address. We look most eagerly for your next.

Only a few days since, we have had news of the inspiring Meeting at Toledo. On Wednesday a particularly welcome letter from our eldest son; on Thursday: "Mr. Kinley, Presidente de los E.U.A."!; On Friday while at morning worship, the news "President and Congress Republican!" (we sang Amerika in our own tongue!); later, came the sister of whom I have spoken; — and today your letter! I think I will close with the Doxology!

Very cordially yours,

H. Pierson Allen

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M. BISSELL,
FUERTE, SINALOA, MEXICO.
ES, ARIZONA.

STATIONS,
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J. L. B.
Rec'd 1-23-97
Ans'd

Jan. 11, 1897.

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.
1 Somerset St., Boston.

Dear Brother. The possibility of a letter having been lost leads me to write a line today. Yours of Oct 22nd, of intense interest to us naturally, was received and answered November 7th expressing our earnest hope that the suggested appointment might be made. Since then we receive no word.

Am exceedingly busy just now, it seeming best to continue daily meetings this week at least. The interest shown last week decides this, contrary to intention of being out on the road.

Very cordially yours,

Henry H. Bissell.

J. L. B.
Rec'd 2-24-97
Ans'd

Puerto, Mexico, 2/12/97.

Rev. James L. Barton, DD.
1 Somerset St., Boston, U.S.A.

Dear Brother:

Yours of 1/21 I found here on returning home on Tuesday. In reply to your further question whether there be "a prejudice among Mexicans against color"?

We hav lookt the matter over somewhat carefully and think we can say that there is no strong prejudice of this kind here. Some attention is paid to color, there being a variety of shades, resulting from mixture with the Indian race. It is true that whiteness is preferred. We hav not seen a negro here in these years and hav no direct means of knowing just what the feeling would be. I think it is true that an out and out white lady would be more likely to be popular. Yet we should hope that color in the present case might not be a bar to eminent usefulness in both school and evangelistic work. There is great need of this latter also. (I hav often thot that, as things are here, no single lady could travel with the missionary, as perhaps may be done in some fields.)

I need not assure you that, for ourselves, we think we have no taint of color prejudice. Neither of us were born that way.

I should like to tell you of very engaging tours but cannot today. Kindly say to Dr. Strong that I thank him for his request & shall try to respond.

Very cordially yours, Henry A. Rissell

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P.S.

I learn that our Annual Meeting is expected to be at Hermosillo or La Colorada in early April. I hope Mrs. Russell can attend with me.

Quite soon after that we shall expect to spend some weeks in the mountains, to escape heat.

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Francis. Allyn Co.

March 12. 1897

P.S. I think no one doubts that the entire work of this Station would be greatly strengthened if this reinforcement comes to us and school opens this fall.

J. L. B.
Rec'd
Ans'd

(Via Nogales, Arizona.)

Fuerte, June 2nd, 1897.

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.
1 Somerset St., Boston, U.S.A.

Dear Brother:

Altho we hear nothing further from you about teacher, we have some hopes that possibly there may be progress in the matter, tho not in the way expected when last we wrote.

We are having the pleasure of a visit from Miss Burrio, from Batopilas, who has come at our invitation to spend vacation with us in the mountains. Of course you have in mind the situation there at B., and the recent action of this Mission in regard to the same:— that Miss Burrio had that (and with very good reason) that she could not remain there, unless an American assistant could be provided; and that the Mission, feeling the impossibility of providing such associate, suggested, either that she accept a native assistant, or that she locate in Fuerte.

We cannot deny that we have earnest hopes that the latter alternative may be accepted.

I ought to say, however, that Miss Burrio looks with great reluctance upon the idea of leaving the work in Batopilas, to which, as is most natural, she is strongly attached. Indeed I understand she would almost be willing to relinquish her claim upon the Board for support, rather than see the work in Batopilas suffer.

We ~~feel~~ believe that her feeling in the matter, and her choice, when time shall have been taken to look into the whole situation, should have a very large part in deciding what ought to be done. We hope and pray that the right conclusion may be reached. To us it is natural to set the broader (and earlier) work of this long waiting Station over against (and above) that in a point like Batopilas. Once we have been passed by; our silent confidence that the right thing would be done, seemed to be mistaken for indifference. We are therefore the more anxious to have the whole matter carefully considered, now that it is again open; — and then we must accept the result with good grace.

I think your advice in the matter would have great weight with us all. I hope we may hear soon.

Very cordially yours,

Henry M. Dissell.

J. L. B.
Rec'd
Ans'd

Puerto, June 4th 1897.

Rev. J. L. Barton, D.D.
1 Somerset St., Boston.

Dear Brother:

Of course it is always true that our Lord is providing for us better than we ~~may~~ be planning for ourselves.

Yours of May 24th, at hand today, gives us great encouragement and hope. Mine sent by last mail is made unnecessary. So much time had passed and no word, that we had concluded ~~that~~ this was at an end. Mrs. Bissell is writing "Miss" Miller today. It seems to us that 'reinforcement' is a word having a great deal of meaning in it.

Miss Burrio might hav become reconciled to the idea of separation from her school in Batopilas, but the present solution, Miss Miller's coming, is a relief to her too. So we are all giving thanks.

Very cordially yours,

Henry M. Bissell

J. L. B.
Rec'd 10-6-97
Ans'd 1-5-98

Puerto, Mexico, Sept. 22nd, 1897.

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.
Somerset St., Boston, U.S.A.

Dear Brother:

Tho I hav not time to write today, another mail must not go without a word of thanks for the favor that has been granted us, in God's good time, in the coming of our associate, Miss Miller. I met her at the port and we reacht home a week ago. It grows upon us that we hav here a young lady of refinement and experience; and when there is added to this, the fact that she is at once at home in the Spanish also, — and further, that the reinforcement is granted to us, among so many whose need is great, in the present time of distress, we hav indeed great reason to be thankful. We think the prospect for school is good, — tho the time most opportune, when there was scarcely a girl's school in the District, has gone by.

I will send you a copy of our circular as soon as I get it from the printer.

Intending to write again soon,

Very cordially yours,

Henry M. Sissell.

We returned from the mountains late in August, much refresht, quite willing to face the heat, which still continues. (Miss Miller tells us she has known no such climate as this).

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Puerto, Sept. 22, '97

J. E. B.
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Rec'd

Puerto, Mexico, 12 / 27 / 97.

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.
1 Somerset St., Boston, Mass., U.S.A.

Dear Brother:

When I wrote you in September I thot to have written again quite soon, but the pressure of the fall work has prevented, & even today I can write but a word.

I want to say that we find much encouragement both in regard to the school and the work in general. The school gave a simple entertainment on Christmas eve. which was received by the public with great favor. Miss Miller has workt hard in its preparation; the school (45 strong) made a most creditable appearance, and all "classes" of our population were interested spectators, lending most kindly attention and giving unstinted praise. The ~~two~~ or three who early withdrew their children, out of regard for priestly invectiv, are now sed to be mourning their timidity.

I returned on Thursday from a trip south, or down to the last settlement on the river, two or three miles from its mouth. Both in audiences and in private conversations there was much to be devoutly thankful for — much of which I would like to write you. I must be out again tomorrow, D.V. The points calling for visits are so numerous, and visits so infrequent, that I have been disposed to discriminate a little, & to withold calls from those points less inclined to listen. Perhaps I have been unwise in this. I am much inclined to go the whole round

again, and as often as maybe. Even in the most difficult ~~p~~ points (such as Mochicahui) there are found precious op-portunities.

Yours in haste,

Henry M. Dissell.

Rev. Henry M. Dissell
Hunter, Dec. 27, 97

J. L. B.
Rec'd 3-29-98
Ans'd

Herald

Hermosillo, Son., Mexico, 3/17/98.

James L. Barton, D.D.
1 Somerset St., Boston, U.S.A.

Dear Brother:

Before me lies yours of Feb. 2nd, which awaited my return home on the 22nd — and which has been waiting this first opportunity for reply. I am on my way to Annual Meeting and am spending some time in the Sonora field, at request of the Mission.

It is indeed encouraging to see the degree of popularity to which Miss Miller's school has so quickly attained, Fifty (59) nine is the total which she reports, and the rooms being literally full, she had to decline one applicant before I left home. We hav taken our first boarding pupils, two little girls from a distance. Being very young we can take them into our own family, tho it makes us exceeding full, and touches the limit in that direction. There are several older girls in the school from distant points, but they board with relatives.

A native assistant was secured from the first, and we hav hopes of better help in the future. Nearly all these pupils pay the tuition of 12½¢ per week.

It must be that little by little the school will tend to do away prejudice and bring families into closer relations with us. The opportunity of which you speak, for home visiting on the part of the teacher, is a most important one. Yet a very thoro teacher, such as our associate is, finds hands exceeding full with routine work, and little, very little time and strength for the social part. Many families are represented in the school simply and

only for educational reasons, and are not at all disposed to do any thing else that would tend to bring the odium of "protestante" upon themselves. - yet the school grows in favor, tho the Bible is honored in being read daily, and all kno that the school is on an evangelical basis.

As to the work in general, I may avoid repetition of what goes forward at this time in Report, presented in duplicate, that a copy may come to your hands; - except to say that it is indeed a time of testing, and for this reason one of no little anxiety with us; - and further, that we are deeply perplext and pained by the seeming slow progress of the work. The attention given, both in Puerto and in the country, is such as to give much encouragement. Yet the wider harvest is not yet. True the work in Puerto is necessarily much interrupted, and that in the wider field is sadly infrequent; yet I feel that greater visible results should be expected.

Referring agen to your letter: — the trips into the country are so arranged, generally, as to enable me to be with the Puerto congregation on the Sabbath. The rough map, which I strike off from memory, may serve to giv an approximate idea of direction and distance. The Puerto District has a population of say 34,000. We will make the trip ~~which~~ lies east from Puerto to Chinobampo and other points. Tuesday let us drive to Bamicorri, 9 miles. We are sure of a welcome, altho in a very plain style. They will share food with us, but here in Bamicorri it is (always) sometimes of the simplest. As a matter of course we are made free to invite the village to a meeting in the evening. Children are apt to

gather first, and we begin with them with Bible stories. We are out of doors on the earth floor, under a low earth-roofed porch, and in Dec. to February as many as can, huddle about an open fire. We carry a large lantern for lighting. From forty to fifty are at length crowded about, and we turn from story to the subject selected, such as The Cross and the Crown, or What shall it profit a man?, or The Free Life, or The Sacred Heart of Jesus. They give good attention. One gets very near to them, and feels that God's truth must be taking hold on them. Sometimes we sing a few hymns, some that are very familiar to you; and often we throw upon the screen a few magic lantern Bible pictures as a basis for remark. Last time there, a man inquired, after the discourse, whether I would be so kind as to repeat for the benefit of late comers, the story (Pharaoh's cows) related at the beginning. Just the opportunity desired for entering more fully on the story of Joseph. We do not fail to have Bibles and Testaments on display — (the Book that contains all this, &c.) — and to urge its purchase; and with considerable success of late.

Next day we go on to Chinobampo, where we have lodging with one friend, meals with another, a devout Romanist yet very kind, and the meeting is held in still a third place. On the usual round for inviting people and looking out for opportunities to sit down and talk, one or two doors are slammed in our face, and certain big dogs are suspiciously active; but night brings a good audience and closest attention. Were there time we would extend this trip, leaving vehicle at Chinobampo and going in saddle to the hamlets toward the State line, to El Reparo, where we flee from the heat for a time in summer. The crests there are

(Most interesting acquaintances we are gaining with those mountain people) some 5000 ft. in hight. But we return, to spend Thursday in S. Sóyaro, with a lame shoe-maker, where men do congregate, often to gamble, but also to listen and frankly admit: "dice bien"! — he tells the truth! And so Friday in Petarroba — where one of the most devout Romanists is a old "forty-niner" of California; and though I can't get him out to the service, and though I know that he would consider loss of the priest's favor as little less than eternal deth, yet I am sure his prejudices hav yielded somewhat, and he gives me a cordial invitation to come agen.

Then home on Saturday, to prepare as one can for the Sabbath. A similar week's work lies east-north-east, to Agua Baliente d'Grande; Another south, to Ocorroni: And the better part of two weeks down-river, nearly to the mouth. (See p. 5) I hav found it more prudent to take two weeks out, and one at home, as a rule. There are many interesting cases, and among all classes of people literally. The field of course needs, first and abov all, the Divine Spirit in power: it doubtless also needs more work. I hav a faint hope that I may secure a helper now.

The services are held nearly always in the private house of mine host, — sometimes (rarely) in the same places where the priest also is entertained and says mass. Priest's opposition in my District is not very much heeded. I note no particular change in this opposition. Great as is the lack of desired results, I believ we are being accorded a sure place in the confidence of multitudes!

Among the Spanish speaking people the ability to read is getting to be very common. I think there would be few who could not find some one to read to them.

As to persecution (by priests) of buyers of books; our observation, in this District, is that the priest don't get there. It is much as a man once remarkt, in response to my question about the priest's offices for the ded: "El no se conoce aquí" (He's not known here). That was over in the Llano (plain), west of Fuerte, and it makes me sad to admit that I'm not much known there either — and my eye falls on your last words:- "Who is sufficient —?

For p. 4. The up-river route — Mahone (maw-ni), Toro, &c., has been exchanged for the Ocorroni route, partly because of obligations to brethren at O., and partly becaus of the frequent difficulty of the fords of the former route, and the unwillingness of Choix to hear the Word.

The work here in Sonora also weighs on our hearts. We see what might be, if it could be manned. The nativ brother seems faithful and efficient. But the church at La Colorada, where I hav just spent a week, will hav none of him. They are still in a bad way. Here in Hermosillo there has been growth during the year.

I am expected to solemnize the marriage of our brother, this helper, Ignacio Lopez, tomorrow evening.

Very cordially yours,

Henry M. Russell.

Hewell

Aformosillo, Mex. 17, '98

J. L. B.
Rec'd 6-6-98
Ans'd 23

FUERTE, MEXICO, 5/26/98.
VIA NOGALES, ARIZ.

Rev James L. Barton, D.D.
1 Somerset St., Boston, U.S.A.

Dear Brother,

Yours of 20th ult. was exceedingly welcome to us. I cannot enter upon a reply today, as preparation must be made for being on the road soon after midnight, for a trip down river — taking the night to escape the heat. Yet there is one point in which, as Mrs. Bissell suggests, correction should be made, for it is right that you see the various interests as they are.

You gathered from my letter that the school is a flourishing success. In point of numbers and payments it is so, and for two reasons: 1st The very poor quality of instruction in other schools. 2nd Our low rate of tuition, — hardly half the usual fee in private schools. In point of drill and secular instruction it also stands very well, stands high. Beyond that we feel there is little to say. It were perhaps too much to expect that a pervasiv evangelical influence could emanate from one who dwells upon the idea that the Mexicans are an inferior race, stolid and dishonest. As time goes on we hav been pained to know that such

epithets as "dunces" and "stupids" were freely and frequently used in school, with all the emphasis of impatience; and when at length it has seemed a painful duty to remonstrate, I am sorry to know that I have not succeeded in avoiding the giving of offense (tho promise was made to omit such terms). In fact, almost any advice relating to the school as an arm of Mission service, has seemed unwelcome. Of course there is no rupture of pleasant relations and will be none, we trust.

We had lookt to an assistant and school, in part, as a direct blessing to our own people. And we have honestly and constantly labored to get them into, and to keep them in, harmony with this train of influence. But they have been, from the first, repelled by a frigid want of affiliation, and a lack of consideration for their low estate. At the first, when they were in school in force, their teacher shockt us by characterizing the whole lot as "scum". Her interest in the work naturally increast as others came in, and it is not altogether strange that the evangelical pupils, for one and an-

other (assigned) reason hav mostly withdrawn.

It pains me to write these things, but we do not kno wherewnto this may grow, and you ought to understand. I hav no thot of putting it, in any way, as a complaint to receiv any notice whatever, — but merely as a memorandum of passing events.

Miss Miller decides she cannot go with us to the mountains next month, on account of the difficulty of the journeys involved, she being totally unused to saddle travel. Two recent efforts by way of practice, in hope of reassuring her, hav unfortunately had a contrary effect.

We hav the pleasure of a passing visit from Ignacio Lopez and wife (the helper whose marriage I was permitted to solemnize in Hermosillo last March), on their was to Batopilas.

Mrs. Bissell joins me in cordial regards.

I need not say with what interest we watch the progress of the war, and related events.

Very truly yours,

Henry M. Bissell.

The very happy wedding of one of our best girls occurred here at our house last week, in the presence of a numerous concourse. General impression excellent.

Sunday, March 26, 78

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El Mirador (Fuerte), Mexico, 5/29/98.

Rev. James L. Barton.
1 Somerset St., Boston, U.S.A.

Dear Brother:

I should like to write you about the family where I am taking Sabbath rest, near the last village down river; one of the most interesting families I have met in Mexico. But I think I may with propriety write you — as we should talk, were you here, about a matter of policy in station work for the coming year. Your letter of 4/20 is not before me, but I particularly want your advice about the location of helper, expected to be with us soon. I feel the force of what you say about native pastor for native church. And it may be that our expected associate, Jesús Valencia, would be enabled to awaken a new interest in Fuerte itself. In any case he will naturally be there for a time, until after our return from the mountains.

Then the question arises: How can we do the most good? We had thot he would locate for a time in some one of the towns or larger ranches, making that his center of work for some months, perhaps reaching out to the ranches in the vicinity. Later, to take some other point in the same way. This plan would suppose no special change in my own work, which is to push the work in the ranches from October to June (less the Annual Meeting) and do what one can for Fuerte all the time, generally being at home on the Sabbath.

Perhaps it may be best to have him giv more time to the Fuerte work, for a time at least, leaving me

free for travel. I am not sure, and should be glad to hav any suggestions you may offer.

One other thing we might do (for a time), would be to travel sometimes together and sometimes alternately, both of us living in Fuerte. Neither of these plans, however, would ~~not~~ secure the continuous work, now in one center, now in another, which, as we hav hoped, might ~~result~~ secure tangible results. Each plan presents advantages. Perhaps a modification, including something of each, may be best. I think Don Jesús is a fine young fellow, a brother worthy of confidence, and we are devoutly thankful for his coming.

(one mile from Mirador)

In Comiche, where I spoke to some twenty-five heavers last evening, it was plain, in at least three houses, that little children had been taught to be terrified by my approach; yet the closest attention was given, and a Testament + Psalms was bot for cash. To the direct (opening) question: For what did God come to earth in human form, in Jesus Christ? — this answer came quickly (to my surprise) + from a man who had a Bible alredy: — "To teach us to lov God, and to lov one another." Most redy for the Kingdom, is he not? Quite so — if he would go and do it.

Fuerte, June 7. All well. Our kindest regards.

Cordially yours,

Henry M. Tiselle

Fuerte, May 29, 98

J. L. B.
Rec'd 6-23-98 64
Ans'd 23

Via Nogales, Arizona.

Fuerte, 6/13/98.

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.
1 Somerset St., Boston, U.S.A.

Dear Brother:

It gives me pleasure to report that our school has closed pleasantly, with good prospect for the future.

While Miss Miller does not feel equal to the jaunt the the foot-hills with us, she expects to spend some time with older pupils in two ranches, one quite near here, - the other some twenty-five miles away at Aguacaliente el Grande, which is quite a center of population. We hope for some increase of evangelical influence in these points.

May we not hope, pray and labor for such international dispositions, in the not distant future, as shall bring the Caroline Islands under our own flag? True, the average politician - and the editor of the Daily - knows little of our title; - but cannot the christian public arouse our government at the proper time?

Very cordially yours,

Henry M. Dissell.

H merte, June 13 1918

Rec'd. 2-17-99
Ans'd.

Via Nogales, Arizona.

Fuerte, Mexico, 2/4/99.

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.
1 Somerset St., Boston, U.S.A.

Dear Brother:

Much has transpired since you kindly replied to a line regarding the Caroline Islands, in June last. I quickly saw that your position, - the Board's policy - was wise.

We opened the touring season, last of October, with a trip to Batopilas, at Mr. Eaton's suggestion, - that point being much nearer Fuerte than Chihuahua, or any other Station. Wife accompanied me, and the occasion was one that gives no little promise. There are good evidences of growth in the Batopilas church, under the guidance of the efficient helper Ignacio Lopez. The trip occupied about five days in the saddle, each way, and we had two Sabbaths with the church there. Six were then received to membership. Feeling the joys of fellowship we projected a conference of the two churches, to be held here in the first days of March. Don Ignacio and three other brethren expect to come down, and we hope for some attendance from other points. Will send you program, - now in printer's hands.

I should hav sed that our associates, Jesús Valencia and wife, hav been here since July. He is an earnest young man of good ability, some years a student at El Paso, and is doing well. We hav now been over almost the entire field, traveling together. And in future, traveling apart, we hope to make visits more frequent, — tho the addition of Batopilas, and a trip to Álamos, hav cut in upon available time.

Our S.M. brethren hav long desired us to visit the few whom they left there at Álamos, and our Mission at length made it my duty to do so; — indeed, they seemed to come near locating Valencia there, when he had but just arrived here. We find one evangelical family there. Some nine persons were present at services in their house, — it being impossible to secure any room more central. The trip (160 miles) occupied the week, and, at rather large expense, secured the hearing abov indicated. As a contrast, the following trip, to Chinobampo &c. — 40 miles round, gave us, in four separate audiences, some 200 hearers.

We are having a good hearing generally; one wouldn't say encouraging; but I am much troubled at lack of visible results. We do not see men cut to the heart, nor hear them inquiring: What must I do?

In the church here, while three hav been received,

two hav fallen to a hopeless depth, and their names had to be erased at last. And one has been glorified; of that there seemed no room for doubt.

We hav expected several members of a certain family to unite with us at next communion, but it remains be seen whether they will really stand the test of conforming (the parents) themselves to the law of God and that of the land, in being legally married. Very old people, very decent people too; with grand children about them. Life correct now, - so we believe. And while the State condemns their life-long state, it puts a high price (prohibitory to many) on the rite of matrimony, viewed by many as a badge of luxury, always costly, and frequently quite troublesome, and better to be avoided. You can see that it will be quite a test for these people to face the smiling and profligate judge, at their time of life. The devil has just this mortgage on a great many people.

We are considering, and asking for light as to our duty, regarding our children, - two in Oberlin, three here. On some accounts it would seem that we hav an obligation to them which we can discharge only by returning soon, to hav them in our own home again. On the one hand, the present is a somewhat critical time with those in Oberlin, - and we need to renew close acquaintance with them, tho it were but for a short time, that we

may kno better how to guide their immediate future. On the other hand, if our stay on the field is to be prolonged even for a very few years, then Winthrop, our third, and probably Jessie, ought to be there in school. We think the whole question will find its right solution if we can hav a little time there all together. We hav therefore askt the Mission to recommend leav of absence, to extend from time of Annual Meeting til the latter part of August, - or about four months; - more than half of this being the time when we usually flee to the mountains to escape some of the heat. And since, in over sixteen years we hav not been home at Board's expense, we hav askt to hav the legitimate expenses of this journey met by the Board. I understand that it must come to you in due course from the Mission; yet the explanation might be useful. I think the present is the proper time to ask directly, thru yourself, that expenses be allowed for the return of two children to the United States. I presume it may be desired to hav such expense counted under that hed.

Very cordially yours,

Henry M. Bissell

J. L. B. 66
Rec'd 3-16-99
Ans'd 27

Via Nogales, Arizona.

Puerto, Mexico, 3/6/99.

Rev. Jas L. Barton, D. D.
1 Somerset St., Boston, U.S.A.

Dear Brother:

I am able to report progress since mine of 2/4. The conference, just closed (or closing, rather; for all remain for a "dia de campo" — "day in the country" today, — and thither I must haste) — has been, in its humble way, a most enjoyable and profitable occasion & fills our hearts with gladness. Five came down from Batopilas, one from Ahamo, one from Ocorroni, four from La Constancia, &c &c.— and this little church knows itself one of sisterhood, & others know it too.

And then the family of whom I wrote did take the step indicated, and during the week the mother began attendance at church (for many years, since the death of a daughter, she had not left her own house), and will probably join with a sister as candidates. The father and three daughters were received yesterday. Of others we have good hopes.

I wrote you that we had felt compelled to ask Mission to recommend that we be granted leave of absence

from time of Annual Meeting (closing day April 19) til latter part of August, and to hav legitimate expenses of the trip met by the Board. We hav in hand today the unanimous expression of the members of the Mission in favor of the recommendation as requested. One member suggests that in making this request to the Board we name a fixt sum as the expected expense of the journey. I really do not see how we can possibly approximate that in advance, in our present ignorance of rates. We must come as far as Oberlin, O. We hav no intention of running about, either at Board's expense or our own. At Oberlin we shall be on expense (self, wife and one child) — (I hav requested allowance for two children returning at this time, ~~returning~~ to enter school) for a few weeks. Returning thru Illinois & Kansas we should visit relatives briefly. I think we can be depended on to keep expense chargeable to journey ~~on the~~ most economical basis consistent with reason. If we are to take the steamer of April 7th, it will be quite necessary to make preparations while awaiting your reply.

One matter of most serious importance has come to the front suddenly. The health of our associate, Miss Miller, has been such as to com-

pel the conclusion, long since, that she would be obliged to retire at the close of the year if not before. With thirty odd pupils she has felt entirely unequal to the work, and with reason, in her condition. Last week she has entirely broken down. The doctor, an American, says she must get home as soon as able to ~~move~~ travel. She has already told us of her expectation of doing so on closing school. She sees now that she will not be able to resume. By keeping quiet she may hope to be able to travel at the time we have been expecting to go, a month hence. I can notify the Mission, but word by letter cannot make the round of the stations in that time. So I write direct to you. Miss M., as I understand (wife has just come from her bedside) asks to be relieved from service in the mission, and to have authorized her traveling expense to return.— I am a little lame here, for we did not learn whether she would return to New York, or would go Via New Orleans, or Mobile, to Belize, her home. I cannot well find out at this moment.

I need not say that we shall do all in our power for her comfort and recovery. Perhaps I should add, that from almost the first it has been evident, from her nervous and bilious condition, that she was quite unfit for the work here. On the third week, first year, she had to be out of school for a time. This year she has hardly known a well day.

Very cordially yours,

Henry M. Dissell

Friette, Mar. 6, 19

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Oberlin, O., 4/2/99.

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.
Congregational House, Boston.

Dear Brother:

Yours of March 30, via Puerto, was here on our arrival yesterday. Very glad indeed we were, to receive it and so to know distinctly what was allowed. But I must hasten to assure you that our request was intended to include considerably ~~more~~ less than was understood by you and granted by the Committee. I hardly know how I failed to make it clear, — not having copy of my letter before me; but certainly we had no idea of the two items ever being continued at one & the same time, i.e., salary and traveling expenses. Thinking it to be a reciprocal (& reasonable) rule that "salary ceases when traveling expenses begin," we meant to request simply and only that our necessary expenses be granted, so that we might not return burdened with debt. I hope it may be made plain to the Committee — if they might lent a moment to the subject — that we did not intend the request as it was understood. Such a request, irregular at any time, as I suppose, would seem particularly unfortunate at such

a time as the present.

Miss Miller seemed considerably improved in health, and grateful for aid all along the way. We were sufficiently astonished when, in the half-ho which she spent in Mission Meeting, she spo tho her retirement might not be final. But afterwards assured Mrs. Bissell that she had n had no expectation of returning to the field. Migh us in an awkward position, but indeed we do think any harm will come of it. I saw safely aboard her steamer (Stillwater, for Belize la Thursday aft., 17 minutes before sailing hour.

At the suggestion of the Mission we are proceed upon basis of salary, and hope to go but little, if beyond that, in our call upon the Board.

I have received no letter making mention our request (made at same time as that for tra expenses for selves) to have allowed traveling expen two children returning home to school.

Very cordially yours,

Henry M. Biss

MAY 8 1899
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Oberlin, O., 5/6/99.

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.
14 Beacon St., Boston.

Dear Brother:

Yours of 5th inst. is at hand, and it is now plain to me how the misunderstanding arose. We certainly did ask for "leave of absence" and to have "legitimate expenses of the trip met by the Board". But we did not for a moment understand that the requested leave of absence "carries with it continued salary". As Mr. Wright will in due time report, it was finally arranged that we take salary, bearing our own expenses, except as we might (in case necessary expenses should exceed salary for the time of absence) present a subsequent request for grant in aid.

I shall be surprised if there be not found (in that same letter of March 6th I would say) a request for allowance for expense of bringing two children to the States, to remain in school. At all events, such is our request. Their ages are 15 and 12 years. We expect to leave them here on our return to Mexico. It may be that I requested the grant only for the elder at

first. Such was our thought at one time.

Miss Miller's home is in Belize. Her address is: Regent Street, (as she has written it)

Belize

Br. Honduras.

Central America.

Many thanks for your kind wish regrd

Oberlin is one of the pleasantest places for such a stay.

With our most cordial regards,

Very truly yours, Henry M. Piss

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Oberlin, O., 5/17/99.

Rev. J. L. Barton, D.D.
14 Beacon St., Boston, Mass.

Dear Brother:

I remained for some time in doubt whether yours of the 9th was of the nature of a reply to mine of the 6th inst., which contained a plain request, made for the second time, and made, if I mistake not, in accordance with the rule in the Hand Book and the practice of the Board.

In early March we wrote requesting authorization for the traveling expenses of two children, returning to the United States for education. This I repeated in mine of the 6th inst. I discover by perusal of the Hand Book, that "the usual grant ($120=) made under the rule of the Board", for each child, is secured only on definite application. I would therefore include the application for such grant for these two children, with the former, for their traveling expenses, which seems to have been overlooked.

May I add that we have been deeply perplexed at times over the question of this home coming. Its necessity was imperative. The date of starting

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(– certain that traveling expenses and some indispensable preparations for return are much more than a match for the salary for so limited a period) (four months).

was no less imperative, and was of course quite beyond our control. Yet so unwilling were we to leave our field without full authorization, that on the morning when our packed trunk was to be dispatched to the port (April 10), we sat down for a most serious deliberation as to whether we ought to change all plans. Remembering that in these nearly 17 years we have spent less than nine months in the States (and those at our own charges), we could not suppose that, after the unanimous ~~consent~~ endorsement of our Mission, there could have been any hesitancy in granting a request which in all sincerity we supposed we were making in entire accord with rules so clearly laid down in the Hand Book, pp. 19, 20. We soothed our spirits however with the conclusion that probably a letter had been delayed (as has since proved true), and decided to proceed.

We learned later, with some surprise, that we were desired, now as heretofore, to make the trip entirely at our own charges, receiving only our usual salary. This we are doing. Perhaps we have therefore all the more reason to be somewhat

solicitous about the requests made above.

Below I give the dates of the births of our children as you request. It may be noticed that Jessie lacks a little of the twelve-year requirement for time of sending home for education. In view of the fact that her brother, Winthrop, has waited nearly three years over time on the field (+to his detriment), and in view of the seeming necessity for conforming our journey to the time of the Annual Meeting, we trust this may readily be overlooked.

Very cordially yours,

Henry M. Riggs

Rev. Henry M. Bissell.
Oberlin, May 17, '99

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Oberlin, O., 5/23/99.

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.
14 Beacon St., Boston, Mass.

Dear Brother:

Yours of 19th inst. is at hand and I enclose the statement of the traveling expenses of the two children. The Mission was not asked to endorse their coming, because we had supposed this proceeded only from the Board. In reply to my inquiry in 1891 I was answered, that on my request being presented, the Prudential Committee would authorize the expense, as was done, and similarly in 1894.

It is quite true that we want nothing done out of the usual line or custom. The Mission, — when understanding that we did not desire salary on top of expenses met, — sanctioned salary, and suggested possible grant in aid later, — which we want to avoid if possible. I might be credited with the sum now reported on the children's traveling expense, as I am expecting funds from Mr. Eaton.

We are very grateful for the privilege of this brief return to Oberlin — the need of which was very real.

Very cordially yours,

Henry M. Pisseli.

Rev. Henry M. Bissell,
Oberlin, May 23, '99.

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Oberlin, O., 6/ , /99.

Rev. James L. Barton, D. D.
14 Beacon St., Boston, Mass.

Dear Brother:

It would indeed be a great pleasure to us also, were it possible to see you here in Oberlin during our brief stay. We will not yet let go the hope that such may be the case.

We can never be sufficiently grateful, as parents, for the opportunity to be here for a little while, together as a family again, just now. As to the future, the way seems to be clearing, becoming more plain. I hope soon to write you more fully.

Very cordially yours,

Henry M. Dissell

Rev. Henry M. Bissell,
Oberlin, June 1, '99

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Oberlin, O., 6/17/99.

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.
14 Beacon St., Boston, Mass.

Dear Brother:

Many thanks for your kind letter touching the matter of which I wrote you. The different faces of the subject have our careful and prayerful attention. I suppose it to be understood that we fully intend to return to our field, and that quite soon.

About the 23d inst. we intend going to Wheaton, Illinois, returning here in about three weeks. After that we intend but a short stay here before leaving for Puente.

Very cordially yours,

Henry M. Bissell.

Rev. Henry M. Bissell
Oberlin, June 17, 99

J. L. B.
Rec'd 7-31-99
Ans'd AUG 2 1899

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Oberlin, O., 7/28/99.

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.
Cong. House, Boston, Mass.

Dear Brother:

After a few weeks of exceeding restfulness & helpfulness we are arranging for return to Smyrna. In yours of May 9th you suggest that I communicate with you relative to the regular allowance to be made on account of the two children whom we now leave here. If there be no objection this might be considered to begin with the 3d Quarter of the year, on July 1st.

During the coming week (July 31–Aug. 6) we expect to be camping on the lake shore, our P.O. address then being Lake Breeze, Ohio. Then we return for a last few days here.

Regarding the additional allowance (beyond the usual $120. each) which we shall be obliged to request, and about which I wrote Mr. Eaton in reply to question, — I have not at hand a copy of my statement made to him, but the sum needed for the year, on the account of three (3) children between ages of 12 and 18 falls within $200.00, as I remember. I think it is $175.00 As I understand this does not enter into the request made above.

Very cordially yours,

Henry N. Fessel

Rec'd 7-31-99
Ans'd Aug 5 1899

Oberlin, O., July 28/99.

Dr. James S. Barton, D.D.
and Mrs. Barton, Wan.
Care Board.

After a few weeks of expecting helpful news & telegrams we are anxiously for news to start. In your of May 9th you happily that I communicate with you relative to the allowance to be made on account of the two children whom we now have here. If there be no objection this might be considered a claim with the 30th Quarter of the year, or July 1st.

During the coming week (July 21-July 26) we are to be engaged on the last edition, our C.E. Society celebrating, Oct. Then we expect quiet, and I shall get down to work here.

Under the circumstances I shall be obliged if you will send the amount #150.00 (3) which it seems immediately due for the support of the two children, may it be sent to Hongkong or to Canton, as I shall be at Canton after the 30th Quarter of the year.

Very sincerely yours,

Jas. M. Wood

Rev. Henry M. Bissell
Oberlin, July 28, 99

Rev. Henry M. Russell

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Lake Breeze, O., 8/4/99

Rev. Jas. L. Barton, D.D.
Congl. House, Boston.

Dear Brother:

Yours of 2nd is at hand. Allow me to thank you for attention to matters referred to.

As to our retirement from the work in Mexico: it seems to us that obligations to our children require our retirement about next June. Last spring our feeling was that we had to choose, either an immediate retirement, or a short absence from the field, in hope of prolonged service. For several reasons, as time goes on the conviction settles upon us that we ought to plan to leave the field as indicated above. I endeavored to state this in the letter to which you refer. And I think I urged the great desirability of such appointment as should look to to the continuous occupation of the Puerto Station. We had in mind the hope that such appointment might serve the added object of aiding our associate Wright during the present year. We believe very heartily in the importance of the work he is doing & hope it may be possible to help him, hard pressed as he is.

A word or two from the field, however,

leads us to fear it may not be that possible to grant the assistance for which he pleads. While we would not say a word that might seem to favor a suspension of the Training School, this other alternative has occurred to us, if Mr. Wright is to find himself unable to continue the school: — he would find a wide and needy field where we are, — one which, as we believe, gives promise of abundant harvest. (One capable, too, of wide extension, northward, southward, eastward.)

We are spending a week here delightfully ~~here~~ on this inland sea-shore, — our children with us, in camp. Next Monday, D.V., we are in Oberlin for last days.

Very cordially yours,

Henry M. Pisell.

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Oberlin, O., 8/10/99.

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.
Cong'l House, Boston.

Dear Brother:

From a few words in a recent letter from Mr. Eaton I see he is a little aprehensiv lest still there be a possibility of Miss Miller's return to the Mission (she having failed, - to our great surprise - ~~failed~~ to present a formal resignation). He inquires whether we have duly informed you of the state of Miss M's health. It seems to me that we have, to a considerable extent at least. Tho I think we have never expressed the surprise we have felt over the fact that she could have been appointed in the first place. From the very beginning of her stay with us she was a sufferer from malaria & neuralgia. She was frequently disabled, confined to her room & couch, during the first year, tho often standing to her work thru great suffering, with true grit, when really totally unfit for the school-room. The second year was simply an aggravation of the first, until she was helpless under nervous prostration which the doctor declared to be of a dangerous type.

Our greatest surprise came from the

facts which she freely disclosed, about her former state of health, in conversations with Mrs. Bissell: — that for she had long been ~~unable~~ "never able" says Mrs. B.) to do two consecutive years of work without a break down; — that a physician had on one occasion recommended a prolonged season of rest "three years" ~~I think~~) after which she might hope to labor in temperate South America" — no: — Mrs. B. says this was the advice of Mr. Simpson of Alliance work.

Dr. Nubbato, her physician in Fuerte, thot she had not many months to live. At that time her condition seemed very critical.

We noted that her (surprising) attitude to the subject of resignation when at El Paso left us in a peculiar situation, we having communicated to you + to the Missions her verbal expression of practical resignation a month before.

Very cordially yours,

Henry M. Bissell.

Oberlin, Aug. 1
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Pardon my failure to acknowledge your favor 8/12, received in the moments of our departure from Oberlin.

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Puerto, Mexico. 9/30/99.

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.
Cong'l House - Boston, Mass., U.S.A.

Dear Brother:

We accomplished our return to the field & to Puerto on the 5th of present month, adding one to our Mexican experiences, sleeping a night in a crowded petate, with the fleas fast in the mud, miles from any human habitation. We found our people joyful in welcoming us again, and no special change had taken place during our absence.

Our helper and his wife have gone (since our arrival) to establish a center of work east of us, about 25 miles distant, at Agua Caliente; a point where we have numerous friends & have had large audiences many times. If he develops an earnestness in touring among the surrounding ranches and villages, this should, by divine grace, become an important work. In some respects it seems the most encouraging part of the district. The helper, giving his whole time to a circle of say ten or twelve points within easy reach, can deepen impressions by frequent visits; and my own visits to the rest of the field can also

be more frequent.

We look forward with keen pleasure & no little hopefulness to the expected coming of Mr. Howland, to go over a considerable part of the District with me, probably during November. The advantage to the work from such a trip should be very great.

We earnestly hope the Board may acknowledge the importance of continuing to occupy this Station, — and that continuously — following on our expected retirement (end of May, D.V.) without break if possible. The field is one of promise, — if cultivated. Yet, as the youngest of our Stations, and so far isolated from others, it — peculiarly demands a care that, — as I think my brethren must all agree, — cannot be expected at present from nativ hands. The new comer should by all means be here to make a tour of the district with me if possible. I venture to think that to miss such an introduction to those who hav been gained as friends of the work in varying degrees, would be to incur no small loss and delay.

Very cordially yours. Henry M. Rissell.

I anticipate eight days meeting with the brethren in Patopilas in October, — hastening down to port to meet Howland in early November. No let-up as yet to the tremendous heat.

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Puerto, Mexico, Dec. 1, 1899.

Rev. Jas. L. Barton, D.D.
Congl. House, Boston, Mass., U. S. A.

Dear Brother:

We hav just had a delightful visit from our brother and long time associate, John Howland, - one which must leave a distinct impress on many minds, heard as he was by some 800 people in the District. Special meetings here in Puerto were followed by tours embracing most of the principal points, and not a few of the lesser, up and down the valley. He came already known to many thru El Vertigo and found a welcome quite different from that which is often accorded us in fanatical Jalisco. His report of this trip, strongly recommending prompt appointment of some one to be on the ground, if possible, before our expected retirement, June next, will reach you in due course. Reasons for the urgency of such appointment are multiplying.

Since my last letter (9/30), or rather, since early October, I hav been pretty constantly on the road, until last week. The Ratopilas trip was an interesting one, combining a conference of churches with the annual visit to the local church, to which six members were received on confession. Three

groups of believers (I had almost said three churches, but the brethren in Dolores are not an organized church) were represented, — four coming from Dolores, near the south line of Chihuahua, a wild ride of four or five days, and me, Helper Valencia and myself, from as far coastward. The conference continued four days & was of much interest. I hastened down to find Howland already arrived. Next Monday (Dec. 4th), out again, D.V. With Valencia in the Aguacaliente region, and limiting myself chiefly to the Chinobampo and down-river routes, I can hope to make visits much more frequent than hitherto.

One of the two candidates was received at our last communion. The other (at a distance), unavoidably detained waits til next opportunity.

We have very grave news from Oberlin. Our third son, Winthrop, 15 years, is stricken down with disease of kidneys. He is probably in hospital in Cleveland now, where an operation was performed on the 22 Nov.; our latest word by mail comes down only to the 18th. The best medical authorities of Oberlin and Cleveland are doing all that — all that God's good will sees best. Specialists pronounced the case a very unusual one — and indicated the cause as being, in their opinion, the hot climate here, and the insufficient alimentation. We can only trust, — and wait.

Very cordially yours, Henry M. Pizzell.

Fuentes, Dec. 1, '99

Rec'd DEC 18 1899
Ans'd DEC 18 1899

Puerto, Mexico, 12/4/99.

Rev. Chas. H. Daniels, D.D.
14 Beacon St., Boston, U.S.A.

Dear Brother:

Since it became plain to us, months since, that obligations to our children make our retirement from the work in Mexico in the near future a duty, our Mission is specially anxious that a successor be secured, to be on the ground before our departure, early the coming summer if possible. We hav just been favored with a visit of some weeks from our Brother Rowland, and his report will soon reach the Rooms, urging the importance of such appointment.

I take the liberty of begging your special attention to it, knowing that you hav correspondence with those who look to the foreign field. If the man could be here before we leave, & go over the field, this were best of all. Even to kno that he is found & is coming, would help the cause much. But failing this, we beg, let it be known here that the Prudential Committee purposes earliest possible filling of the vacancy; — a case where appointment does not involve continued increased outlay (but the reverse).

We hav thot of continuing here til close of touring season (end of May), giving time, that the occupation might be made continuous, if possible. But if this raises a difficulty on account of the expense of simultaneous salaries, we would step aside sooner. Indeed, in view of the critical illness of our son, Winthrop, at this moment, in Oberlin, we do not kno what unexpected claims may come upon us.

Very cordially yours,

Henry A. P. Pizzell.

Fuerte. Mexico

Dec. 4, 1899.

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Puerto, Mexico, 12/4/99.

Rev. Jas. L. Barton, D.D.

Dear Brother:

In my recent letter I should have mentioned another point in connection with the hoped for appointment of our successor here. Next month our rent contract expires, and as we do not intend to take out another time lease, it will be known, almost necessarily, that we intend to retire. When that announcement is made it seems very desirable, for the influence on the work all thru the field, to be able to say, truthfully and emfatically, that it is the intention of our Board to send another man here at once. There may be delays about getting him here, but to have the policy declared and the promise made, is much. May we not expect this assurance early soon.

Cordially yours,

Henry M. Piscell.

P.S. In writing Dr. Daniels, suggesting the claim of this station, I have said: "We have thot of continuing here til the close of touring season (end of May) giving time, that the occupation may be made continuous if possible; but if this raises a difficulty then expense of simultaneous salaries, we would step aside sooner. Indeed, in view of the critical illness of our son Winthrop at this moment, in Oberlin, we do not kno what unexpected claims may come upon us.

B.

Twenty Mapia, 15/4, 99.

Rev. Geo. D. Watson, D.D.

Dear Doctor:

Not should I write these few words
at this moment in view of certain observations
and reports made to Presbyteries of useful
and, as, and, single hearted men who attempts Not
in good faith certain the what at Lenox has as we
at Lenox on Not, disorders Hands, warm of Alice
chairs of Presbyterians Not met N. under
those at as beneficial of, although you answer
and affected, was at also at, also at not the
[illegible] fully, that ~~was~~ it is the instructs of our
Lord to bear certain warm the of one.
There may be danger about getting him here, but
to see the today debate and the points made,
is sure. May we not expect this movement
may come.

Cordially yours,

[illegible]

P.S. In writing Dr. Hamilo, suggesting the claim of the station,
I say and: "We have had of continuing the to also of having so-
some (such of men) giving [illegible] that, and giving you [illegible] made certainly
by Presbyterians; but in this region a difficult thing [illegible] of [illegible]
[illegible] colonies, but would [illegible] [illegible]. Indeed, in view of the
[illegible] of our [illegible] of the movement, in Chicago, we do not
know what [illegible] colonies may come upon us.

G.

P.S. Jan. 1, 1900. The season's greetings! Could you have been present with the twenty who came this morning for sunrise meeting, or could you see the larger social gathering this evening, I think you would feel very keenly the importance of having our place promptly filled, & of having such purpose speedily known. 80

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JAN 12 1900

Puerto, Mexico, 12/30/99.

Rev. James L. Barton,
Boston, Mass., U.S.A.

Dear Brother:

In closing the year I cannot refrain from writing you a few lines to tell you how, with the reading of Mr. Howland's report of his visit here, and with the welcome, the attentive hearing, given to the Word just now, in various places, on the round since his return home, — how are growing both our hope and our desire for the coming of those who can take up the work. Our hope increases as we see that our brethren appreciate the situation and heartily second our plea. And our desire grows as we are again & again reminded of the multitude who are impressed by the Gospel, being in a measure soil prepared. Daily we pray ~~for~~ that the Master may incline, prepare, appoint, send forth the one (or ones) whom He shall choose, whom He can bless.

Seldom have I been more constant on the road than since Oct. 1st. We continue to have encouraging word regarding our Winthrop, in hospital in Cleveland.

Excuse haste. Cordially yours, Henry M. Pisaller

Huerta, Dec. 30, 1899

Hobert W. Brown

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Rev. Hubert W. Brown

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MISION PRESBITERIANA.

REV. HUBERT W. BROWN.
APARTADO DEL CORREO 305.
REDACCION DE "EL FARO."

México, May 18 de 1890

ev. N.G. Clark, D.D.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 2d inst. ad-
ssed to the Ill. Xn. Wkly. in reference to
editorial on Mexican Missions has
n forwarded to me. It gives me pleasure
lind that you take exception to anything
t seems even to exaggerate the work which
American Board is doing in Mexico,
nce I fully agree with you in believing
t ~~it~~ the only true course is to be strict-
honest in all statistics that are given.
w little I am inclined to exaggeration
l at once be evident to you when I
y that I was obliged the first year of
y work in Mexico to cut down some
thousand the roll of members reported
our own Presbyterian Mission.

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y father, Rev. Fred T. Brown, D.D. who
te the editorial to which you take
ption, based it upon a manuscript
cle of mine, very similar to the one
the copy of the Presbyterian which
lls me he has forwarded to you. I
the table as ~~th~~ given at the
l of that article will meet with more
oval than in the condensed form,
ssarily not so clearly and critically
urate, in which from the exigencies
the case it was presented in the Weekly.
m only sorry that in copying I
guilty of omitting El Testigo, pub-
d by your Mission in Guadalajara
n the list of evangelical periodicals.
all regard it as one of our best and
orchest defenders and inculcators of

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estant doctrine.

And now a word as to the way in ich ~~our~~ the statistics given in my ticle were secured. In Jan-Feb. of 1888 Gen.l Ass.bly of Mex. Missions was held i Mexico City. The Committee of Arrang-ents appd Rev. John W. Butler of the M.E. ission to secure statistics. He prepared refully a printed blank which was nt to all the missionaries, as far as ssible. I filled out one for the Pres. ion. This report based on the replies 'd from the Missions was read in Assembly & those present were asked gest corrections as it was read. e then I have filled out for Mr. e other similar blanks & suppose other Missions have done so to. As far

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horrible I have also seen the mission-
ies personally - and felt that I could
and the figures as practically &
proximately sufficiently accurate to
rank publication. If anyone is
blame for inaccuracy the fault
neither with Mr. Butler or myself
with the missionaries of the several
sions who filled out the blanks.
to the martyrs, the Northern Methodists
ok 25, but my mss. said: "In Ahua-
co in 1874 there was an outbreak ag.
Congregationalists which cost the
of John L. Stevens and four com-
nions" There 4 (not 25) were I sup-
e Mexicans. - I put in only 6
dained Americans and 1. ordained
ican, as you will see. Who the

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ordained workers are I do not know,
I suppose your missionaries who
ede the report can tell.
to your Theological Seminary, I sup-
e it can hardly be such in the
ne sense as similar institutions at
ne, but was meant to refer to students
dying with Rev. John Howland in
adalajara. – But the no. of pupils
not exaggerated. The M. E. North have
ne institution in Puebla, the M. E.
th) in San Luis Potosi and we, in
Mex have at present 24 students,
I have had the pleasure of meeting
s. John Howland, Wright, Bissell
nnell Eaton and both Mrs Eaton
Mrs Wright, so I do not feel
t I have written either in haste,

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norance or with wilful exaggeration.
In closing let me say that my
le is a sister of Mrs Harry
lton who is at present working
der your Board in Africa.
I hope you can find time to ans-
this at least briefly and believe
that I shall be very glad to have
y correction you desire made
the statistics, since you of
rse must be thoroughly con-
sant with the work of your
ard in Mexico.

Yours most sincerely
Hubert W. Brown

Address:
FUERTE, E. DE SINALOA, MEXICO.
VIA NOGALES, A. T.

American Board.
MISSION TO NORTHERN MEXICO.
STATION, FUERTE.

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Fuerte, Oct 20th 1891.

Rev. N. G. Clark D.D.

Dear father and friend:

In view of recent letters recd I feel moved to write a sort of supplement to my husbands letter.

You can never know, neither do any of our brethren know with what disheartened feeling we left our work to go home last summer. The evident unfruitfulness of my husband's labor in La Barca and the fear that the Testigo was being tolerated by the Board, and regarded by the two missions largely as a reason for our existence in the field, became so intolerable that we felt it a duty to relieve the Board of our support unless some more evident need for his labor should appear.

More than once Mr. Bissell had come nearly to the point of corresponding with parties elsewhere to seek a work where our Spanish need not be lost. During our absence the call came for us to take work in the Northern Mission which we were glad to do.

Now that we are in the midst of so enjoy
a work the assurance that the Testigo is rega
as so valuable an arm of the work and tha
Mr. Bissell's work upon it is quite desirable is
grateful indeed. It affords us new courage
confidence for the present and future.

Your letters were always calculated to
cheer and encourage us but you can now app
how we could not always appreciate all they
were intended to bring to us.

Let me thank you for them all,

Yours truly.

Ella N. Bissell

10/21. 3 P. M. We praise G
that all is well. The lad w
came this morning is as stura
a little man as one could
to see, for his age.

P.

Augusta Burrows

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Hermosillo, Sonora. Mex.
DEC. 26" 1893

Rev. H. G. Clark,
Boston, Mass.

ear Rev. Mr. Clark,

Your nice little missive rec'd
morning and I will try to comply with your
uest, although as yet there is but little to tell.
am going along with the school the very best
now how, which is not very well sometimes
ar. I see so many things to do, if I could only
them but I can talk but little yet and do
t understand ordinary conversation as I wish to.
am not homesick and enjoy my work, yet
must confess that sometimes I long to do some-
ing in English. My school is small, very small
d I am anxious to have more in it. Attendance
not regular and taking it all together I find
pretty hard, but by another year I hope and
lly expect to have more and be able to do more
th in school and out. As to the religious train-
g, I give them what I can from the readings of
morning and we recite scripture in morning
raises a great deal of the time. I am pleased with

my work and feel very thankful that my lo
was cast in such a pleasant home and i
such a nice family.

Thanking you for your kind offer and interes
manifested, I am sincerely yours,

Augusta Burrows.

Rec'd Jan. 5. 94.

Miss Augusta Burrow. 84

Rec'd May 4.

Hermosillo, Sonora.
April 25th 1894.

H. G. Clark,
No. 1 Somerset St. Boston

ar Dr. Clark,

We were very much
cked at Mr. Crawford's death
we had watched him for
eral days, feeling quite
at it was only a question
e few days with him.
true that what is our
s is his gain, but even while
recognize that fact we are
the to part from those
love. Mr. C- had thoroughly
on the hearts of the people
d is much missed by his
rch. His death seems thus

rk expense.

to have done much towards
softening of the hearts of those
who heretofore seemed so in-
different. Mrs. Crawford will
write you as to her plans.
I will add that she will
get away before school clos
perhaps. Rev. Mr. Ealon of Ch
hua has recently paid us
visit and while here invi
me to attend the annual
Conference of the mission
which is to be held in his
city. Am inclined to think
that I will accept and i
do will close school about
the third week in May.
will return as far as Nog
and spend the remainde

summer there studying. If
not go to the conference I shall
in Hermosillo all summer
, health permitting. I shall
be entirely alone as the
ble agent for this part of
x. has his wife here. At pres-
I have seventeen pupils un-
my care or have their
nes on my book but not
re than one half of them
be depended upon.
out look for next year is
d. We expect two girls from
small mining camp near
, where we have a church,
d have application for ~~sixx~~
Mazatlan, a city far
on on the coast. There are
e or two more that may want
me but do not know definit
one girl from Guaymas,
southern terminus of the
ilroad passing through

this place and also situated
on the Gulf. These girls a
come from Methodist fa
but they say they are Metho
because they know nothi
of any other protestant denomination
Of course, I am aware th
this school is not for the p
pose of educating Methodi
but I am sure the build
up of the school depends
bringing in girls from oth
places. We will try and be
as to the quality we take
People in the states can
realize anything about
these people need. They are
very poor yet they hunger
thirst for the word of God
much that they will give
thing in their possion for a
Many take the shawls from
heads or the sandals from
feet. Now, I would like your
ion and advice upon receiv
those girls from Mazatlan who a
odists. Very sincerely Yours Augusta

Miss Augusta J. Burris.

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Colegio Chihuahuense.
Chihuahua, Mexico.

June 7th 1899.

r. Jas. L. Barton,-
Boston, Mass.

ear Dr. Barton:-

I really did
ot intend to let the
cle of time pass over such
great distance before acknow-
ging your words of cheer
nd good wishes for the
ew year that came so
ng ago. In fact I have
ade attempts at writ-
g you but somehow
ever got farther than
at. I also received a copy

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Mr. Peloubet's notes on the Acts
hich came from the
ooms, for which I wish
thank you. It is a very
lpful and useful book
nd am very grateful
it. We are just now
aving towards the
se of the school year
d the nearer we
proach the time, the
e opportunities we
ve for any thing but
school work. We
pect to graduate three
ks June 29th. One will
married soon after to

one of our earnest native pastors and we feel that they will do much good. While, in many ways, this has been a hard year, it has also been a pleasant one and I am glad of the opportunity of being here. I expect to spend my vacation in the States and may spend a year. I sometimes wonder how I can do it but I feel the need of a change and the mission kindly gave me leave of absence for one year if I choose to accept it after spending a couple of months home. I

it makes me want to be a half a dozen persons. It is so interesting to hear some of the workers give their experiences and the work they have done. When once convinced of the right, they do not let anything stand in the way of doing their duty.

I hope you will excuse this letter for it is hastily written and I find it hard to collect my thought but I feel as if I must not wait longer

[illegible] it [illegible] as it best wishes and

Alden P. Case

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Chihuahua, Jan 6th 1890.

Rev. N. G. Clark D.D.
Boston Mass.

Dear Dr. Clark:- Your favor of Dec. 24th came to hand Saturday, having been forwarded from Parral. The Eatons and Wrights have also read it. Should Mr. Whaling of El Paso be appointed to this mission, our idea would be to locate him at Cosi, in case it seems best for Mr. Wright to leave there in order to conduct the Training work at Paso del Norte.

Of course we hardly dared hope that we could secure Mr. Howland for the Training school although we appreciate his superior qualifications. However we have much confidence in Mr. Wright. In case the other societies should not coöperate with us, we might consider it best to have the school more centrally located. But we trust that they will not fail. Shall await with interest further word from you.

It is now three days since the doctor operated on my limb. It was a remarkably successful operation, and I am very happy at the result. The doctor even said today that he thought it likely that I would never have a return of the

trouble. It is chronic inflamation of the bone just above the ankle in the right leg, caused by imperfect circulation in that part. It is doubtless true that the altitude (6000 ft) tends to weaken the heart's action and thus account for the imperfect circulation, (at least in part) but the prospect seems good now that my health will be such as to permit me continue in the work here for some time. I trust that it may be many years. The operation is not a very severe one. I hope to be doing full work in two or three weeks. Think the doctor will permit my return to Panal next week. The Eatons very kindly provided for me at their house where I now am. I had planned to go into the hospital, but found it too full.

Have received today good word from my family.

Sincerely Yours

Alden B. Lease.

Continued, Panama, Feb. 10, 1920.

Parral, Mexico. Jan. 18'th 1890.

Rev. N. G. Clark, D. D.
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Clark:

Your exceedingly kind letter of Jan. 7'th was received yesterday, having been forwarded me from Chihuahua by Mr. Eaton. I thank you for the cordial and pleasant words which you have seen fit to write me. It is impossible that, coming from such a source, they should not give me pleasure. Yet I feel that they are poorly deserved.

As to the change which you kindly suggest in my sphere of work, there seems now no occasion for its serious consideration. As I have already written, the doctor speaks very encouragingly, -more so than ever before, of my health prospects. I feel as one who has been granted a new lease of life, and I have returned to Parral with the feeling (in which my dear wife shares) that nowhere in all the earth is there a field of labor which we would prefer above this. I do not consider that, by taking proper precautions, the necessary touring is injurious to my health. It is probable that the confinement of the class-room would be more so. Then my natural inclinations are decidedly toward this more strictly evangelistic work. Some other man is doubtless destined and prepared for the training school.

I ought to inform you that there is some prospect that Supt. Hood of New Mexico, will very soon visit Chicago, and possibly New York, with a view of urging the other societies (N.W.E.C. and A.H.M.S.-he being in the service of both.) to take some speedy and generous action in responce to the advances made by our Board in the matter of the school.

Mr. Hood manifested much interest in the project at our conference in El Paso, and at that time expressed the desire to present the matter in person to his societies, and we have been urging him to do so. It is possible that he may go within a couple of weeks, (though not certain)

Should you wish to modify in any way the proposal which you have made to the New West Com. or explain further the present position of the Board, would it not be well to write again very soon to Sec'y Bliss, Chicago ?

Our station family is in good health. All unite with me in most cordial and affectionate regards.

Faithfully yours, Alden B. Case

Rec'd Jan 6 1898

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Parral, Mexico. Feb. 7'th, 1890.

Rev. N. G. Clark, D. D.

Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Clark:--

I see that I have not yet acknowledged receipt of your favor of Jan. 14'th, and now have received the one of Jan. 25'th.

In regard to Mr. Olds, I sent out immediately to know the sentiment at the different stations in respect to our need of him, and hope in a very few days to report to you on the matter.

It is my impression that our mission will make a strong plea that Mr. Olds be commissioned to this field. That is, at least, the way I feel about it. I know that we have been asking and getting a good deal, but our needs keep increasing as the work advances. I hope we shall not fail to get another man, i.e. in addition to Mr. Whaling.

The last that I heard from Mr. Hood, he was on the point of starting for Chicago. I sincerely hope that, as you say, the final result in the arrangements for the training school, is not far off. In my opinion Mr. Wright is our best available man for placing in charge of that work. He seems to me to possess some most excellent qualifications for it. My own health is steadily improving, and I am beginning to take up my work as usual again. I thank you for your caution not to overdo, and shall try to heed it. Miss Prescott has just returned from a three weeks' visit to Zaragoza, where she has been helping our assistant teacher to grade up the school and prepare it for

a public examination required by the local authorities. She gives a very satisfactory report of the way this examination passed off, and of the present condition of affairs there.

Please allow me, Dr. Clark, to express my own satisfaction and that of this station, with the interest which you are taking in the affairs of our mission, and especially with your persistent effort in behalf of the training school. We can imagine something of the great amount of correspondence you are obliged to carry on, and the immense care and labor which you are subject to. We sincerely trust that your health and strength may be long preserved.

Very cordially yours,

Alden B. Case

Rec'd Feb. 15

Parral, Mexico. Feb. 14'th, 1890.

Rev. N. G. Clark, D. D.
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Clark:-

Our mission "circular letter", which I have just received, brings expressions of opinion from each of the stations in regard to the advisability of our securing Mr. Olds, if possible, for this field.

In reply, therefore, to your favor of Jan. 14'th, on that subject, I now write you in behalf of the mission.

The desire is unanimous and very strong that Mr. Olds be commissioned at once for this North Mexico work. With great satisfaction and thankfulness we have learned of Mr. Whaling's appointment. He will be given a hearty reception, and will find an ample field in which to engage all his strength and missionary enthusiasm.

It is understood that Mr. Whaling's coming is to make good the place of one of our number who has been detailed to the training school department, so that considering the enlargement of our work, our force is correspondingly no greater than before.

The need of yet another man for this mission was never more seriously felt than it is at present. As is well known in Boston, our force of native helpers is altogether inadequate for our rapidly extending work. And after the training school shall have opened, we know that some years must pass before the crude material which it receives will supply our churches with pastors and the missionaries with skilled evangelistic help.

In the meantime without efficient assistance from some source, several dangers present themselves.

I'st. That ground where a hold more or less firm has been gained, will be lost through inability of the missionary to follow up and develop the work begun.

The mission Sec'y can illustrate this danger by calling attention to that part of the field nearest his own eye. Besides the work at the station itself, which is constantly increasing its demands, three out-stations claim each a share of the missionary's time. At two of these flourishing young churches exist, and in order that their growth may be healthy and permanent, they need now, more than ever before, careful pastoral attention. The other out-station is a city of 5000 or more inhabitants, which, with its populous suburbs, makes a large and inviting field in itself.

In addition to these out-stations there are in the vicinity a number of other points of some size, where the seed scattered at irregular intervals, has begun to spring up.

The missionary, with but one poorly efficient helper, tries faithfully to care for this extensive work, but after all he can but feel that more of it is being neglected than properly attended to.

Shall some of these promising places be abandoned in order that the work in the others may be cared for more thoroughly ?

We do not like to think of such a necessity.

Another danger is that certain points of importance, naturally pertaining to this mission,but as yet practically,or absolutely, unentered by us, will be occupied by representatives of another denomination, to our exclusion. To illustrate- there are several towns of some size on the Mex. Central R'y between Chihuahua and the southern boundery of the state, which we ought to enter and evangelize, but without more help soon, it will not, we fear, be our privilege. The same may be said with regard to other portions of our field.

Again, notwithstanding the fact that the missionary ought not to undertake more than he is equal to, but should rather husband his strength and expend it economically, there is danger that in this time of opening doors, attended with scarcity of native help, the missionary may be tempted beyond his strength.

Even one new man would afford us very appreciable relief in this critical period.

The matter of his location the mission will gladly decide when given the privilege. It has been suggested that with the development of the training school, his services in a few years would be required there. And as soon as we begin to receive of the fruits of that school,he might be spared for such service.

We are thankful that Mr. Olds has had his heart turned strongly toward Mexico, and we hope most earnestly that the Board will enable him to follow the leading which seems to us so providential.

Very sincerely yours, Alden B. Case.

(For the Mission.)

Durango Mexico
Feb. 14, 1890.

Copy -

Hermosillo, Mexico,
March 10-1890.

Rev. N. G. Clark, D.D.
Boston Mass.

Dear Dr. Clark:—

Our Hermosillo chapel was yesterday consecrated to the sacred uses for which it was designed. Besides Mr. Eaton and myself, Supt. Hood of New Mexico, and Rev. R. T. Liston, pastor of the home mission church in Nogales, were present. We are all much pleased with the new building. Its location and appearance are fine, attracting not only the respect, but also the admiration of the citizens.

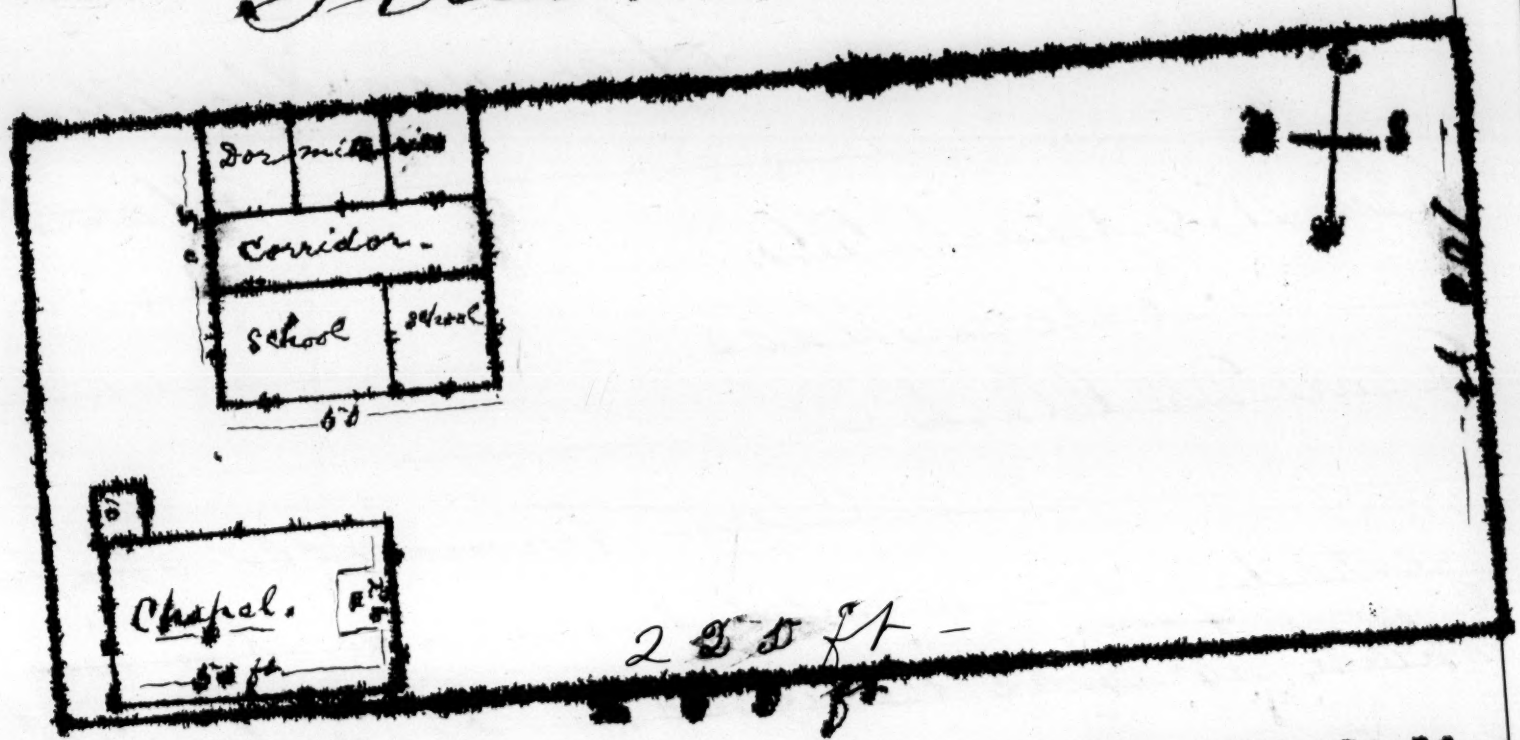
In our opinion Mr. Crawford has succeeded remarkably well in the enterprise. There are abundant proofs of careful planning and hard work on his part.

Mr. Eaton and myself have considered quite carefully with the Crawfords the matter of the new building proposed for school and residence purposes, and we are prepared to endorse the plans substantially as Mr. Crawford has laid them before us.

The diagram which I here give, will perhaps aid you in understanding the situation.

Street.

Main Street



The lot, as above represented, is a corner one, having a front of 100 ft. on the principal street of the city, and a depth of 250 ft. The corner where the streets meet would have been a preferable site for the chapel, were that the only building to be considered. Mr. Crawford well reasoned that on account of the superior advantages for ventilation which it will afford that portion of the lot should be reserved for school and residence. - The extremely hot climate renders such precaution important.

The plans we recommend provide for a building 60 × 60 ft. (outside dimensions) It will be in reality a double structure each portion 19 × 60 separated by a corridor 12 ft in width with one roof covering the whole. The ends of the corridors,

above and below, will be enclosed by lattice work, thus allowing for light and the free circulation of air, which is so important.

The whole of the ground floor will be designed for school purposes, one side being divided so as to accommodate classrooms for two departments. and the other side will furnish dormitories.

The second story will be divided into six rooms (not including the corridor) This airy upper story will serve as residence for the miss'y family, together with the lady teacher.

It will be seen that in the building expenses, the school and residence interests share about equally. The school, perhaps, being responsible for a little more than half.

Careful estimates show that a grant of $2,700.00 (U.S. cy) will probably be necessary for the erection of this building. The design would be to have every thing done in a substantial way. The plan also admits of indefinite enlargement, as necessity may require.

It is very desirable that the work be gotten under way with as little delay as possible, in order that the walls (adobe) may be up and the roof on before the rains, or by by the end of June. The aim would be to

have the house ready for occupation by the first of November at the latest.

Another matter of some importance in this connection is that the house now occupied by the missionary family, is in such a condition that unless there were prospect of better quarters within a few months, it would be necessary to outlay some $200.00 in repairs, at the mission's expense. This would, of course be avoided, in case we build.

That the interests of the Board will be decidedly strengthened and advanced by authorizing the erection of this house, seems to us here on the ground very clear, and the appropriation asked for appears reasonable. We would respectfully request a speedy consideration of the matter by the Prudential Committee, and in case of a favorable decision, ask (for reasons already indicated) that a telegram to that effect be sent to Mr. Crawford.

Most sincerely,

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(Mission Sec'y.)

P.S. As Mr. Wright has authorized us to represent him also in this matter, this letter may be considered as the unanimous expression of this Mission — A.B.C.

— The money will be required only as the work advances.

Approved March 10 1891

Parral, Mexico. March 21st, 1890.

Rev. N.G.Clark,D.D.

Boston,Mass.

Dear Dr.Clark:-

Your kind favor of the 7th inst.relating to Mr. Olds, was very encouraging,and I hope that he may not fail to make his application,and be appointed. We as a mission ought to be,and are, sincerely thankful for the way our wants are being attended to.

I think that you surely must have heard ere this from Mr. Wright regarding the arrangements made at our El Paso meeting. I will therefore not write in detail,as I otherwise should do.

Supt. Hood thinks that if the A.H.M.S. does not cooperate in the new school,the New West will do all the more. I suppose you are aware that the New West has already increased their grant to $1500.00 for the first year. Mr. Wright expects to be settled in Juarez sometime this month. The lady teacher who is coming from one of the New West schools, may not be on the ground before August,on account of her summer vacation coming so soon.

At the suggestion of some of my associates I have written a letter for the Chicago Advance regarding the new Training school,and the church dedication at Hermosillo. It, however, may not appear for some time,and I send you a copy,as possibly you may find something which has not yet been reported to you.

We at Parral are very busy preparing for the Conferen-

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The following resolution was unanimously adopted: We recognize the great need of church buildings for Chihuahua and Parral, and hope that some means for meeting this need may soon be secured.

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As to the question of providing for the expense of entertainment at the annual meetings,the following plan was adopted: that each attending missionary contribute 75 cts per day during the period of the meeting,paying the same to the mission treasurer; that the missionary in charge of the station where the meeting is held,render an account of the expenses incurred,and in case they be in excess of the sum total contributed,the balance be provided for in some way from the mission treasury.

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Presbyterian Hospital Chicago.
May 9th 1890.

Dear Dr. Clark:—

I regret exceedingly to inform you that I have been obliged to come again to this place seeking relief.

I left Parral Apr 28th, after several days of severe suffering, expecting that I might come no further than Chihuahua, but my condition was such that I followed the advice of friends and physicians and came on to Chicago, where I arrived on Monday of this week.

From day to day I have delayed writing to you, wishing first to get the decision of the surgeons in order that I might at once inform you of my prospects.

Dr. Humphrey was [illegible]

but a Medical association has been holding meetings here this week, and, I have consequently been obliged to await three days for my examination.

Dr. Graham now says that he proposes to lay the bone open for several inches along the leg, scraping out thoroughly the cavity in the interior. This, he says, will fill ~~out~~ with new bone, and he is quite positive that the trouble will then be at an end. — You are aware that already three times I have submitted to somewhat serious operations, the surgeons each time holding out bright hopes of permanent relief.

The last operation, in Chihuahua, seemed to be a complete success, and I returned to Parral with unusually strong hopes. My own conviction now as well as that of my wife, together with our associates in Chihuahua, is that no operation will afford me certain relief except the radical one of amputation.

As I have stated, the surgeons here think otherwise, yet, as they have been

re peatedly mistaken, my confidence is naturally diminished. I find myself today in a distressing position. It will not do for me, (even supported as I am by those who are most acquainted with what I have suffered,) to insist upon amputation, when the doctors are decided that it is not necessary.

And yet, as I now feel, in case of the proposed operation, I could hardly return to Mexico with anything like sure hopes of permanent freedom from the trouble.

The operation proposed will be rather more serious, the doctor says, than amputation, and will confine me here at least two months. There is to be another consultation this afternoon, and the operation finally decided upon will be performed tomorrow.

After expressing somewhat further my own views, drawn from experience, I shall yield all responsibility to hospital authorities and submit to whatever may be thought best.

I have left my dear family in Parral, and have made the best provision possible for the carrying on of the work there.

I can trust all to the care of our heavenly Father. He will both look after me, and the dear ones I have left.

Please address me Presbyterian Hospital, 300 S. Wood St.

Sincerely Yours, Alden B. Case.

Rev. A. B. Case, S

Chicago, May 9. 1890.

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Presbyterian Hospital, Chicago, May 23rd 1890.

Rev. N. G. Clark, D.D.
Boston Mass.

Dear Dr. Clark:-

Your letters of May 12th and 15th were duly received, also two or three have been forwarded me from Parral.

I am sorry that I am not yet able to write you in answer. But I am happy to say that I am gaining slowly day by day, and the prospect is good for my complete recovery, and permanent restoration of health. Daily letters from Parral bring good news of health and cheerful patience on the part of those left behind. Mr. Olds has made me two very pleasant calls. When I become stronger I will write more.

Sincerely Yours Alden B. Case.

Chicago, June 14-1890.

Rev. N. G. Clark, D.D.
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Dear Dr. Clark:-

After a long delay, which I much regret, I have the pleasure of forwarding to you the Table of Statistics, and the Annual Report of our North Mexico Mission.

Your kind letter of June 2" was duly rec'd, I had thought to reply to it before this, but waited, thinking to send this Report at the same time, I, however, overestimated my strength, and the work, which would have been light under ordinary circumstances, I found a little tedious, but have taken it little by little, and have not overdone.

I am glad to report daily gain in health, with the prospect very bright of a permanent cure this time.

While I hope to be able to leave the hospital early in July, I am advised

not to return to my work before September. The long absence from family and people will be a trial to me, yet possibly I may be of some little use here, at the same time that I am recovering strength.

Your letter proposing, or suggesting, that some one of us be transferred to Spain, was forwarded me. Although willing to go, if others thought best, I would prefer that Bro. Bissell be the man.

He has a most excellent spirit, good sense, and will do good service somewhere. His present field is a very unpromising one.

My own heart still turns longingly toward that unoccupied and waiting field of Sinaloa. - Not that I should now think a change necessary on account of health, but from a natural love for pioneer work. However, it is probably best that no change should be made, at least for the present.

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Chicago, June 14, 1890.
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Jackson, Mich. July 2-'90.

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Dear Dr. Clark:

With the permission of my surgeon, I left the hospital last week, and am now enjoying a pleasant and quiet time at my brother's here. I find myself recovering strength surely and steadily, and I am sincerely grateful to God for his goodness.

Your kind favor of June 20 was duly received. I will write you a little later in regard to my expenses incurred by coming north. It is my plan to leave Michigan about the middle of this month. Shall spend a day or two in Chicago, then passing on to Magnolia, Iowa, where our oldest child is staying with her grandparents.

Mrs. Case has written me of a cordial

invitation which some American friends living near Parral, have made for us with our family to spend a month or so at their ranch. As they offer us some unoccupied rooms, with the privilege of taking care of ourselves, it is likely that I will return to my family about Aug. 1st concluding my period of convalescence with my wife, and at the same time a little beyond the reach of temptations arising from the work.

Most truly and sincerely
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Rev. A. B. Case —
N. Mex.
July 2, 1880

Parral, Mexico. Aug. 11th, 1890

Rev.N.G.Clark,D.D.

Boston,Mass.

Dear Dr. Clark:- You will see by this that I am home again in Parral. I arrived Saturday the 9th, bringing with me our little dauter Juanita, who has been with her grandparents in Iowa now nearly three years. I need not tell you that we are a very happy family.

On reaching El Paso I found word awaiting me that Mrs.Case was quite seriously unwell, but on arriving home I was rejoiced to see her so far recovered as to be about the house again,though looking thinner than I had ever seen her before. Apparently all that she needs now is a little change and rest. We are making arrangements to go into the country about five miles from here for a month or so.

I am thankful to report that I have returned in good health and spirits,and very hopeful regarding the complete success of the operation performed this time. I am now in better flesh than I have been for years. The leg promises to do me good service as soon as it recoveres a little more strength. I am now able to use it considerably with the help of a cane.

Miss Prescott is very well. The Eatons are desirous of securing her for the school in Chihuahua. If the highest interests of the work as a whole demand such a change,we shall deny our own feelings in the matter and let her go,hoping that sometime she may return to be with us. In many respects we feel that the needs of the Parral

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In regard to my expenses, which you so kindly offered to have met for me, I would prefer, since my salary has been continued, to meet them myself, if possible. My Hospital bill, as kindly reduced, was only $82.25 The travelling expenses were considerable, and I found myself obliged to draw on a small fund that I had laid by, but we hope that by the end of the year we shall not find ourselves much if any behind.

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Received Aug. 7, 1919

Parral, Mexico. Sept. 8'th, 1890.

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workers,through the transfer of one of our number to Spain,as has been intimated in the past. With such an understanding we would be able to plan an extension of the work to the westward,without reducing the force on this side of the mountains.

We have as yet no report of the Annual Meeting of the Board,but hope that everything is hopeful for the advance of the work in all parts. I have occasionally written you of the growth of interest at our Las Cuevas out-station, but I think that I have not mentioned that we planned to leave the Parral work for the most part in the care of the native brethren,and take up our residence for the winter in Las Cuevas. While the Parral congregation is at present somewhat diminished by the temporary removal of some of our families into the country, the congregation at Las Cuevas has been increasing rapidly,until now it averages nearly one hundred. Their rented place of worship has become entirely too small,and when I presented the matter of building a chapel a short time ago,they manifested great interest,and will go right to work under my directions. With a little assistance from myself and a few of my friends, they will bear all the expense. We plan a building to accommodate 300 pessons,the native material and style of structure will be employed in the main,and we do not expect the cost to exceed $500.or $600. Next week a company of men go to the mountains to get out the necessary timber. The adobes will be made after the corn husking is finished,and the chapel should be ready for dedication sometime in the spring. I may be disappointed in my hopes,but we will see what we can do. My health is now excellent,the limb is constantly increasing in strength,but I am careful not to tax it too much .

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Should Mr.Bissell come here,and it be the decision that we go to the westward,I would think it would be wise for us to remain in this field until spring,or possibly longer,for the purpose of helping to introduce the new missionaries to their work,and getting it into as good condition as possible for them to carry on alone.

Everything is now encouraging. It has been my privilege to receive to church membership twenty-two converts since my return in August. All on confession of their faith. Eleven in Parral,and eleven in Las Cuevas.

With most cordial regards I remain

Sincerely yours,

Alden B. Cash

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Dear Dr. Clark;

Mr. Case says he is about writing to you. & I will add a few lines to his letter as I have so often desired. (for I know that Mr. Case does not find time to write you of many details of our work which would be of interest to you) – but my own time is also very full with my family cares and the many duties belonging to our work.

"We returned last week from our two months stay in Las Cruces. It was a time of real enjoyment for us and we were both to leave our people there, where church & S.S. so greatly need instruction & leadership, & where we received every mark of love possible from our dear people, and of respect from almost the entire pueblo. In order that you may understand something of the status of our church there, ~~in society~~ an item from the census just taken will be of interest. The census-taker being a member of our church furnishes the figures. Population of village 1138. About 250. men of voting age. But 50 of

these are legal voters. the remainder not being able to read or write. Of the 50 about one third are members of our church. Several are town officers & men held in greatest respect by the people.

Just before leaving we made a party for the young folks of our congregation, inviting all between the ages of 12 & 20 yrs. We had counted only about 30 between these ages, but, to make sure prepared refreshments for many more. We were surprised to receive over fifty guests, some having brought friends & some older young people growing younger for the occasion. What a merry time we had from 7 to 10 o'clock - that evening! As the only social recreation known to young Mexicans is dancing and as all our converts have, of their own free will discarded this, the games which we introduced were received with great enthusiasm, and the party, the "talk of the town" for days.

We feel that our Mexican children need such brightening influences of games giving exercise to both intellect & body, & that we should give more attention than heretofore to this end.

It is very pleasant to be in our Parral home again, & with our people here. - tho' it may not be for long. Our plans for the future seem very unsettled. If God clearly directs us to the west coast - I am sure we will not murmur, & will feel that it is a privilege to be seed-sowers in that neglected field; but if the guides to the decision that we remain in our present work, we will take it up with glad hearts, that we are permitted to remain & gather in the harvests.

I do not feel that I am warranted in attendance upon the great conference in Juarez, much as I desire to do so. The long stage journey for our three children would be particularly trying at this season of the year. - Also it would seem unwise for both of us to leave our work at Christmas time. It is always a time when new ones are drawn into our services. Our good young deacon Rinquillo has taken the responsibility of furnishing the S.S. with a Xmas tree & gifts for all the children; but I feel responsible for the Bible & song exercises. Miss Martinez the intelligent

young sister who teaches our school i
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but her hands are much tied by
the care of an invalid mother an
many home duties. She is a lov
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that Miss Prescott be given a three or fo
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go over & start their school. The brethren
Chihuahua reply - telling how greatly Miss P's se
-vices are appreciated there, that the school
steadily growing, that no one can fill her pl
& that she cannot be spared. We hav
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comes the cry from Zaragoza. Miss Prescot

herself writes in the mission letter from Atotonilco (where she now is attending to examinations of the Mission school there, in charge of one of the pupils from Chihuahua) "I will leave my place of work to be decided at the Conference. If any-one is found to take my place in Chihuahua I will gladly go where most needed. I have thought since being here at Atotonilco that I would like to remain right here for a year - there being no other girls school - to build up this one."

It would seem that this little tireless unassuming woman is in greatest demand of all in all our working force. How much we do need more such teachers.

But I have written a long letter. Perhaps Mr. Case will say - too long to send. So I hasten to close.

Yours, very sincerely.
Myra S. R. Case.

Rev. A. B.
Chittenden —
Dec. 16, 1890.

It would be well to address A. C. Wright, Box 132 El Paso

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El Paso, Texas, Dec 27-1870.

Rev. N. G. Clark, D.D.
Boston.

Dear Dr. Clark:

Our meetings across the river are still in progress, and full of interest.

I have only time tonight to inform you of the decision which has been reached, after much prayer and discussion, regarding the disposition of our forces. Instead of my removal to the west coast, and Mr. Bissell taking the Parral field, as some of us, particularly the Bissells and ourselves, had supposed would be done, it was finally considered best that I remain at Parral, and Mr. B. be asked to go

P.S. In case for any reason you should wish to telegraph Mr. Bissell, it would be well to address A. C. Wright, Box 132 El Paso

to the west coast. All seem satisfied that, all considered, the wisest thing has been done.

The Bissells are obliged to wait a few days for their goods which are supposed to be on their way northward from La Barca.

They propose remaining in Juarez some six days or so, ~~and~~ when, unless they should receive from you by telegraph some word proposing otherwise they will go on to Hermosillo, & from there as soon as practicable to Alamos, or whatever point may after looking over the ground, be selected for opening the new station.

Sec. Hitchcock is with us and I hope he will make Parral a short visit - as well as Chihuahua - before his return. As soon as possible I will write you a full report of our meeting.

Very Sincerely Yours,

Alden B. Cole

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I take pleasure in sending herewith the annual report of this mission together with the table of statistics.

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Hastily,

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Yours with most cordial best wishes and love,

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Mrs.Case has just been with me to Parral to see the new property and help plan as to the improvements we shall make. She is well pleased with the purchases,and is very happy in the prospect of a home.

I have the Annual Report of this mission nearly ready to send you Have been obliged to wait for the papers from one or two of the stations,and have also been interrupted by unusual care and work,but now hope to send the report next week.

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Chihuahua, Mexico
Rec'd June 3
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Parral, Mex. Jun. 22, 1892.

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For the past two weeks I have been constantly in this place busily occupied in superintending repairs on our residence property. Another week will about finish the work. Mrs. Case has been with me for several days, but returns this afternoon to El Valle. Our little Florence was losing ground steadily in spite of all we could do for her, and as there is no physician in El Valle my wife brought her here to be under the doctor's care. She seems now considerably improved. The other children are with Miss Prescott in El Valle.

Your welcome favor of June 1st reached me here. I am very thankful to know of the action of the Prudential Committee in changing the $140,00 to gold. It will afford me much needed help. We were very sorry to learn that you were not well, and hope and pray for your speedy recovery. Most sincerely Yours A. B. Case.

P.S.

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A.B.C.

Hawaii, June 28, 1872

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Edwin M. Blake

Aug 7. '23.
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& Dollars
Aug. 1. 1923

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Through the generosity of a few American friends of Parral, -who have surprised us with a gift of $22 for this purpose, -we are now planning some substantial help for the more needy members of our Sunday school, and a happy time for all on Christmas Eve.

I desire very soon, with your consent, to commence soliciting gifts for our new chapel fund, with the idea that as soon as we have enough (some 3,500 gold) we can commence building. I hope that by February 1894 the foundations may be laid and the work finished by the fall of that year. Will you please to indicate to me your thought in the matter, advising me what I may do, and what I ought not to do?

Yours most Faithfully and Cordially,

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P.S. Your favor of the 18th inst. with enclosure is just received. Many thanks!

Recd. Dec. 27.

Parral, Mex. Jan. 31, 1893.

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Parral, Mexico, Feb. 4, 1893.

Rev. N. G. Clark, D.D.

Boston, Mass.

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I enclose a brief account of the dedication of the Guadalajara church for publication, if desired, in the "Herald".

I forwarded you several days ago a report of our annual meeting.

May I ask you to do me the favor to request Mr. Swett to mail me seven copies each of the two Manuals mentioned in the communication from the Prudential Committee? #

Faithfully Yours,

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I find no reference to any "Manuals" in the communication fr. the Pr. Com.

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Does he mean "Resolutions"? If so these are in the report of the meeting in last November Herald p. 493.

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Rev. N. G. Clark, D.D.

Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Clark:-

Your favor of March 9th has been lying upon my desk unanswered much longer than I had expected. My hands have been very full with extra meetings during the week preceding Easter. The measles also visited us and all our children were sick.

Since Easter I have been feeling miserably but am now much better. Our weather is now unusually hot and dry and I have never known so much sickness in Parral as now exists.

What you write regarding the Training school force and plans for the future is very satisfactory. I trust that a new man of the right sort man soon be found, to be associated temporarily with Mr. Wright. Mr. Howland and myself, as members of the Advisory Board for the school, plan to meet Sec. Bliss in El Paso about the last of May. We will, of course report to you how we find the school, and should you have any instructions or suggestions for us before going we should be very glad of them.

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Helen B. Crane

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Mrs. Case unites with me in cordial regards and love.

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P.S. I am awaiting returns from the stations, and will forward your annual report, C.B.C.

Received Oct. 12 1893

Answered Oct. 16 1893

Parral, Mexico, May 8, 1893.

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MISSION OF THE AMERICAN BOARD TO MEXICO.

Parral - Chihuahua, June 10, 1893.

Rev. N. G. Clark, D.D.
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Clark:-

Circumstances have hindered my getting off to you the annual report of our mission as I had hoped to do before this. I had planned to send it from El Paso, but so much other business connected with the Training school and the making out of the estimates of the mission for 1894 prevented me. I will say, however, that the work is almost completed, and I think that I can surely send you the report within three days. I will also at that time write you in reference to the Training school, the plan proposed by the advisory board regarding the coming of Mr. Howland, also of the work of the committee on estimates. Mrs. Case forwarded to me a letter from you in which you kindly speak of making effort to assist Miss Prescott in the matter of expenses this summer. I am quite sure that with the increase of salary granted she will be able to meet her own expenses, for she is likely to receive assistance, if needed from her brother. Your favor is also received referring to the Arithmetic. I will pass the information around. At this station we are not doing very much with English studies. During my absence I passed one Sabbath with our congregation in Jimenez, one of Mr. Eaton's out-stations. I also supplied Mr. Eaton's place one Sunday in Chihuahua, and held a service in Atotonilco, administering the Lord's Supper and receiving

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two new converts to the communion. I have brought back with me from the school in El Paso two students, one of whom will be my missionary assistant during the vacation, and the other will be employed by the Bible Society under my direction.

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Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Clark:-

I mailed you yesterday by registered letter the annual report of this mission, together with the statistical tables.

I made the report as compact as possible, but although brief I believe that it is as full as is desirable. It would have been very easy to have enlarged considerably at every point. If upon any particular subject you should wish further details, or if I have omitted anything upon which I should have spoken, please to indicate it to me and I will gladly supplement the report.

Mr. Howland and I, as members of the Advisory Board appointed by the mission on Training school matters, spent several days in El Paso. The annual examinations were all conducted in our presence. We also had opportunity to see pretty thoroughly into the management of the school and judge of the advancement which is being made. Mr. Howland will probably write you his own views upon what he saw. He, however, remarked to me that he thought that Mr. Wright had succeeded remarkably well in his work so far. The difficulties attending the commencement of such an enterprise are not few, and while it is possible that some men of experience would have succeeded better, my own opinion of Mr. Wright's success coincides with that of Mr. Howland. I was much

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With regard to the plan proposed by our advisory board, including Sec. Bliss, I would say that I am unqualifiedly in favor of it.

In private conversation with Mr. Howland I learned that as matters were standing he would not wish to have the suggestion carried out, that he and Mr. Wright exchange places. While at the disposition of the mission and of the Board, he would much regret such a transfer.

On the other hand he expresses himself as being very willing to go and be associated with Mr. Wright, should this plan be approved. The Wrights affirm with respect to the plan that nothing could please them better. Both Mr. Howland and Mr. Wright believe that in regard to the matter of the directorship there will be no difficulty. Both express themselves as willing to take just such place as may seem best as the work develops. For the present their understanding would be, in case of Mr. Howland's coming, that they work together as associates of equal authority. Their years of acquaintance with each other and the good understanding between them would seem hopeful of harmonious cooperation. An argument in favor of the plan is that by this means, instead of an urgent call for a new man at present this

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They are still subject to revisal, the list as made out by us having been now sent to each station for approval before being finally forwarded to the rooms in Boston, but, as made out, the amount foots up, (in case of Mr. Howland's removal to El Paso and Mr. Olds' transfer to Guadalajara) to $20,300. gold, or $300. less than the limit set by the Prudential Committee. This $300. would allow for nearly all the contingents. It should be noted in this connection that the $20.600 which is placed as the limit for 1894, is some $2000. less than the revised appropriations for the present year.

We await with interest to know how the different stations of the mission will receive the proposal referred to.

Our dry weather is continuing. The Parral river has entirely disappeared accept in places where pools still stand. The aqueduct still supplies drinking water to the town, but the general suffering in on the increase. We greatly enjoy our new residence, which has a good well, -a rare thing in this city. We are all comfortably well.

Yours very faithfully,

Helen P. Case

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Cosihuiriachic.
Guadalajara.
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MISSION OF THE AMERICAN BOARD TO MEXICO.

Missionary, Alden B. Case.

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Parral - Chihuahua July 13,1893.

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MISSION OF THE AMERICAN BOARD TO MEXICO.

Parral - Chihuahua July 29, 1893.

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MISSION OF THE AMERICAN BOARD TO MEXICO.

Presbyterian Hospital,
Chicago, Aug. 14. 1893.
~~Parral - Chihuahua~~

Rev. N. G. Clark, D.D.
Boston,

Dear Dr. Clark:-

Soon after my arrival in this city last Thursday, my ankle was examined by the surgeon, who was of the opinion that a not very serious operation would give me relief. Since entering the hospital, and while awaiting the operation, a more thorough examination, by probing, has been made, and revealed the fact that the joint itself is involved, so that while an operation will give relief, it will be more serious than was expected, and, at the best, will result in a stiff joint. I understand that the operation will take place tomorrow. Have been suffering considerably, especially for the last few days, and am now confined to my bed. I am hopeful however, and am resting securely in the confidence that all is and will be well. On account of the

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Missionary, Alden B. Case.

Outstations: Allende. Las Cuevas. Zaragoza.

~~Parral - Chihuahua~~

Closing of the doors of the El Paso Bank, I was unable to obtain the money which I hoped to get from Mr. Wright, and he suggested that it would save some time and exchange should I ask funds directly of Treas. Ward.

If all right, will you do me the favor ~~th~~ to ask him to send me $150.00 ?

As soon as may be after the operation I will write you again.

Most Sincerely Yours

Alden B. Case.

Chicago, Aug. 14. 73

Recd Aug. 16.

For Mr. Ward

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Presby^n Hospital.
~~Central Chihuahua~~
Chicago Aug. 22 '93.

Rev. N. G. Clark, D.D.,
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Dear Dr. Clark;— Your kind letter addressed to me here was duly rec'd as also the ones sent me at Parral and forwarded me by Mrs. Case.

I am getting along well. The operation took place last Thursday. The doctor was disappointed in not finding the bad bone which seemed to be causing the trouble but he decides best not to operate further as long as I am doing so well. I am sorry that I cannot leave here with a reasonable assurance that the difficulty is finally removed. The relief I shall secure may be permanent, yet the prospect does not appear to me as bright as after the last operation. I shall probably be able to return home by the middle of Sept. and

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Parral - Chihuahua

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Chicago. Sept. 1, 1893.

~~Parral - Chihuahua~~

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Dear Dr. Clark:—

I have been improving quite rapidly since my operation, and the doctor is hopeful that nothing more may need to be done for the ankle. He is not sure, however, as there is a certain soreness which may indicate the presence of bad bone, which will need to be removed. He urges my going to my friends in Mich. for a couple of weeks, and returning here for examination. I have planned to start today, and will spend a week with my sister in Traverse City and a few days in Bengonia.

I have hoped that I might be able to return to Mexico about the middle of Sept. but that is doubtful.

I shall be obliged to use crutches for sometime. As Mr. Olds is in Parral and can assist Mrs. Case in arranging our affairs there, I have thought that it might be as well for me not to return to Parral, but to meet Mrs. Case and the children at El Paso and go with them to Calif. It may, however, be necessary for me to go to Parral.

It is a great comfort to me to know that the Olds are on my field. I trust that they may remain there.

Mrs. Case writes frequently of the great pleasure she has in their company.

I shall be glad to hear from you as soon as may be convenient regarding our desire to be relieved from our work. I feel that I ought not to return to it for a year at least, and I am much in doubt whether I can ever return, still our work may not yet be done.

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Parral - Chihuahua

Mexico, Oct. 1893.
Chicago, Sept. 1893.
Rec'd. Sept. 1893.

Presbyterian Hosp. Chicago,
Sept. 15- 1893.

Rev. N. G. Clark, D.D.
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Clark:-

Your very kind favor of the 6th was received by me at Traverse City, where I passed a pleasant week with my sister. Upon examination here after my return the doctor believes that I should have another operation, something like the last one - on the other side of the ankle. The operation was set for today, but the doctor failed to come. It may occur tomorrow. I would doubtless recover, very soon, the use of the limb, if nothing further were done, but the prospect of permanency would not be good.

In reply to your letter would say that I cannot yet tell in full as to my expenses on this visit, neither anything definite as to my needs for the coming year. I shall hope in

part to sustain myself. The extent to which I may do this will depend largely upon my degree of health.

Your assurance of sympathy, and that the Board is ready to help as we may have need, gives me the greatest comfort.

Most sincerely yours
Alden B. Case.

P.S. When desiring to settle my bill here at the hospital before leaving for Traverse City. I was told that no charge would be made me.

A.B.C.

Chicago, Sept. 13, 93

Rec'd Sept. 18.

Presbyterian Hosp. Chicago, Oct. 5. 1893.

Rev. N. G. Clark, D.D.
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Clark:—

I am glad to be able to report improvement since last writing. It is, however, very slow, as the inflamation still continues in the joint. Several times I have been obliged to postpone the day set for starting home. I now hope to leave here about Friday of next week, stopping over Sunday with friends in Kan. City and reaching home the following week. I had of late been hoping that I might avoid the trip from El Paso to Parral, meeting my family at the former place on our way to Calif, but for the settlement of some mission and business matters my return seems necessary.

From your letter of Sept. 13 to Mr. Olds I see that you are surprised that we had planned to sell our furniture. I do not wonder, and, now my atention is called to it, I can hardly understand how I could have failed to write you more particularly in regard to the matter. My sickness can be my only excuse. From my understanding that after five years outfit property furnished by the Board was

regarded as belonging to the missionary, it had not occurred to me that our furniture was not for the most part our own. I do not remember the amount of outfit money received, but know that it was only a part. I think less than one half, the full allowance ($500) and quite a large proportion of our present stock of furniture has been acquired since our arrival nine years ago. Yet I would not for a moment question the right of the Board to any of this furniture which should be considered as belonging to it, and I am sure that the matter will be arranged without difficulty. While in Mich. I wrote to Mrs. Case that whatever furniture the Olds might need we should leave for them. I had also expected to leave many other things in Mr. Olds' care, selling what might be easily replaced should we return, and taking with us to Calif. as little as possible.

As to our return at the end of a year, I feel at present more doubtful than I have at anytime before. Had the doctor amputated my limb, as I urged him only last week, I would have much more hope. The trouble is chronic inflamation of the bone, and the ankle, where it is now located, is a more difficult place for operating. To my question

as to the prospect of permanent cure, the doctor does not answer as hopefully as he has at other times. After the more severe operation of three yrs. ago, he seemed certain of no reappearance, now he is not as sure. It is not my desire to sever finally my relations with the Board. I can but still hope that I may at sometime be of use in its service. But I do desire to have the Prudential Com. understand fairly the situation, and not allow the possibility of my being able sometime to return interfere with the appointment of a new man.

It seems to me, in view of the circumstances, that the best interests of the work certainly demand the securing of another missionary in my place, and I do not wish to stand in the way of such a move.

I will not write more at this time. When able will inform you more particularly of our plans for the coming year.

Most sincerely yours,

Alden B. Case

Chicago. Oct. 5. '93

Rec'd Oct. 8.

V

Escondido, Calif. Oct. 25, 1893.

Rev. N. G. Clark, D.D.
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Clark:-

I left the hospital one week ago last Friday, met Mrs. Case, as planned, in El Paso, and we are now getting settled here. We have rented a little place near the town where we shall be pleasantly situated, and where I think we shall be able to support ourselves after I become well again.

My ankle is improving, although quite slowly. As yet I have no use of the limb, and shall be obliged to use crutches for some weeks or possibly months.

We are much pleased with this climate and this place in particular, and feel that here, if anywhere, we may find that health and strength which we seek.

Sometime ago you wrote me desiring that I should send you the account of my

expenses occasioned by my illness. As I think I wrote you, no charge at all was made me at the hospital - this favor being shown me on account of my connection with the Board. For the kindness I expressed as well as I was able my gratitude.

My traveling expenses from Parral to Chicago and return to El Paso amounted to $71.70 besides which I paid in surgeons fees 4.50 making the total expense* $76.20 Am. cur'y.

I shall be very thankful should the Prudential Com. see fit to grant me the sum to cover this expense. I should be glad were my circumstances such financially that I should need to ask no aid from the Board, especially in the present shortened condition of the treasury. Yet, after considering and planning as carefully as I am able, I will venture to ask to be allowed one half my regular salary for six months, or until May 1st '94. It is my hope that by that time my health will be so far restored that I can provide for my family from the fruit farm. At any rate I shall then hope to ask for still less.

Mrs. Case and the children left

*- The $60. sent to me by you while I was in the hospital should be reported to Mr. Eaton and charged against me.

Parral Oct. 16th and I suppose that our full salary would naturally cease at that time. If, however, the full salary might be permitted to continue through the month - to Nov. 1st, the extra amount would assist materially in paying our moving expenses to this place, and the balance we, of course, would bear ourselves.

We were able to sell only a small proportion of the things which we had hoped to sell in Parral, so that we are very short of ready money. Everything has been left in Mrs. Old's care and he understands that he is at liberty to use freely whatever of ours he may need.

It is with great satisfaction we remember that we still retain a connection with the Mexico Mission, but while this relationship is very dear, I would not wish for a moment to stand in the way of the appointment, in my place, of a more able bodied man. My address will be - Moosa, San Diego Co, Calif. (Via Escondido)

Yours Very Faithfully Alden B. Case,

Escondido, Oct. 25. 93

Recd Nov. 3,

Moosa, Calif. Nov. 22. 1893.

Rev. U. G. Clark, D.D.
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Clark:-

Your very kind letter of the 7th inst. is at hand! As we only receive mail three times a week, there is often delay.

My proposition as to salary was entirely understood by you, and I am very thankful for the generous provision made us by the Board. But more than that,- your kind words of appreciation of service rendered, and expression of continued interest in us, is more cheering ~~to us~~ than I can tell you.

Treas. Ward also wrote and sent a draft of $100. on account. This favor was much appreciated. Mr. Olds is buying many of our goods left in Parral, to be repurchased by us should we return.

We are comfortable and happy. My ankle is slowly gaining in strength, though I am still unable to walk without crutches.

We greatly regret your own broken health, and desire for you still many good years. Yours very Sincerely,

Alden B. Case.

Moosa, Nov. 22, '93

Rec'd Dec. 1

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Moosa, San Diego Co. Calif. Jan. 30. 1894.

Rev. N. G. Clark, D.D.
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Clark:-

We have now been three months in California. My improvement has not been as satisfactory as we had hoped. There has been a gain in general health so that I feel quite hopeful as to the future. The wound caused by the first operation, while at the hospital the last time, has failed to heal entirely and probing indicates that there is still diseased bone. As, however, there was no pain the doctors in Escondido thought best to do nothing except give good care in dressing, in the hope that in time it would right itself. But for the past two or three days I have been suffering with pain this time in the region of the knee. I am expecting to go to San Diego (our nearest

large town) tomorrow with my wife's brother, a physician, for the purpose of consulting with a surgeon of that city.

It seems to me that the doctors made a mistake in not amputating long ago, as I desired them to, yet it is possible that that may not be done just yet, as I am trying a new remedy which is very highly recommended. Mrs. Case and the children are very well and we are all very contented in our country home. We do not allow ourselves to worry regarding my failure to recover, but are hopeful, inasmuch as my general health has so much improved.

In anticipation of possible extra expense soon I write today to Treas. Hard asking for money.

Very Sincerely Yours,

Alden B. Case.

Rev. H. B. [illegible]

Moosa Jan. 30, 1894.

Rec'd Feb. 7.

Moosa S^n Diego Co. Calif
Feb. 7-1894.

Rev. N. G. Clark, D.D.
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Clark:-

I wrote you last week that I was being threatened with more serious trouble with the limb.

I am glad now to inform you that I am considerably better, and have strong hopes that the improvement will continue. The surgeon's examination at San Diego, however, proved beyond doubt the presence of diseased bone, but it is now being treated with a new antiseptic which may effect recovery without further serious operation.

I am again free from pain and with the aid of my crutches am able to get about considerably. Yours Very Sincerely

Alden B. Case.

Rev. [illegible]

Moosa, Feb. 7, 1894

Filed Feb. 16

Moosa, Calif. Feb. 12-1894.

Rev. N. G. Clark, D.D.,
Boston Mass.

Dear Dr. Clark:-

Your very kind letter inquiring for my health is received. Two recent letters from me to you will inform you as to how I am. Since writing last week I have been rather gaining than otherwise and can do considerable work by managing so that I do not have to walk. We have quite a little farm, and have been putting in some small grain. I was fortunate in buying at a bargain a good second-hand riding plow, so that I was able to do the most of the plowing myself, but I am also keeping a hired-man. Our two cows

furnish milk and butter for our own use and a little to sell.

The school teacher of our district is boarding with us and the money thus received helps quite materially in meeting our houshold expenses.

Yet, as we can get no returns from our fruit or other ~~other~~ produce, except above mentioned, until the latter part of the summer, we may be somewhat straitened for means until that time.

For the present, however, we are living very comfortably, and should Mr. Olds succeed in selling more of our things in Parral money enough may be obtained to tide us over this first year. I very much dislike to call upon the Board for more help, especially in the present trying condition of affairs. I appreciate most truly your kindness in asking me to write you as to a friend and tell you of our circumstances, also offering to seek aid, if needed.

Should another operation prove necessary, as is possible -, or should I from any cause find myself unable to pull through financially, I will write you.

In regard to our return to Mexico, I cannot at present feel that there is much hope that we shall be able to do so. There seems to me little prospect that I shall ever obtain permanent relief from this difficulty until the limb is amputated. How I should be then, it is not possible to say, and it may be years before the doctors will abandon less radical means for treating the trouble. My heart is in the Mexican work, and did I honestly feel myself able to take it up again, most gladly would I go. Mrs. Case has the same feeling, but the door seems closed to us. It is possible, I do not yet entirely abandon the hope that it may again open, but such an uncertain prospect should not for a moment interfere with the appointment of the

much needed man to fill the vacant place. I earnestly hope that the right man may soon be secured.

Before closing I beg permission to speak of another matter. – Last April the Prudential Committee voted an appropriation of $78.60 for the church building fund in Parral. This sum was sent in through Sec. Hitchcock, being the amount of a rebate secured by his help on a carload of corn sent by friends in Iowa to our famine sufferers. I had all along hoped to get the rebait, which properly would have belonged to our Relief Ass. fund, but it was delayed several months, and when Sec. Hitchcock wrote informing me that it had been secured, he suggested that it be sent thro' the treasury of the Board, designated for the work in Parral. To this I agreed, supposing that I would be at liberty to apply it where most needed, and hoping that it might go toward the contemplated Parral church.

There were, however many necessary repairs to make on the residence property in Parral, such as mending roofs, and plastering

walls, to preserve them from the action of the weather. After hearing from Dr. Hitchcock and before I knew the wording of the minute recording the act of the Prudential Committee I had made arrangements calling for the expenditure of the money as above indicated in repairs.

In addition to this, in order to finish what seemed to me quite necessary improvements on the place, such as a cistern for water, I expended some money from my private funds, of which I kept an account, expecting that by renting a room which we could spare the amount would be made up without calling upon the Board for help.

When I came North last summer we were then renting as I had expected and the most of the extra money spent was received. The small balance I desire to remain as it is, but my object in writing this is to ascertain if the matter can be arranged so that the use to which the money (appropriated Apr. 4th 1893) was applied, may be satis

factory to the Board.

I still feel a very strong interest in the much thought of church building in Parral. I had hoped to work that through this present year. It is no slight disappointment that I cannot do it.

Crippled as I am perhaps it is vain for me to think that I can ever assist financially in that or other similar enterprise in Mexico, yet possibly I may.

We, at least do not for one day cease praying for the work and our once fellow-workers there.

Yours Very Sincerely,

Alden B. Case

Rev. A. B. Case.

Moosa. Feb. 12. '94

Recd Feb. 21,

J. H. RICE, M. D. N. J. RICE, M. D.
OFFICE OF
DRS. RICE & RICE,
Physicians and Surgeons.

Escondido, Calif., Feb. 14 1894

Dear Dr. Clark:

Since writing the enclosed letter I have come in with Mrs. Case for a day in Escondido. In talking with Dr. J. H. Rice - Mrs. C's father - he expresses himself as quite confident that I may fully recover health and still save the limb. The new treatment by which I was relieved of the recent attack of pain, together with my gradual improvement in general health leads him to be thus hopeful. He believes that I ought not to think of returning to Mexico under about two years, but considers the prospect good for complete reëstablishment of health by that time. I am very happy to report this now as somewhat modifying what I have already written. Yet I know well that the Mexican mission cannot wait for me that long. However, there may be opportunity at some future time to reënter the

work should I be able.

Yours Sincerely

Alden B. Case

Alden B. Case
Concord, N.H. Feb. 4, 94
Recd Feb. 21,

Answered 2/24/94

Moosa, San Diego Co; Calif. Mar 22-1894.

Rev. N. G. Clark, D.D.,
Boston,

Dear Dr. Clark:—

I have delayed longer than I expected in replying to yours of Mar. 1st in regard to the $78.66 of which Secretary Hitchcock had written. I am glad to have the matter thus settled without difficulty.

We are getting along nicely here. I have had no further backsets and am very hopeful that my present improvement may continue. While I feel quite well when at light employment out of doors, I find by experience that anything more than a slight attempt at study or litterary work produces ill effects. The Mexican field and work is much in my mind and at times I feel an irrepressible longing to return. The annual meeting of the mission will be held June 1st in Chihuahua. Should the present very low railroad rates continue I shall be tempted to go.

Yours most sincerely, Alden B. Case

Rev. Alden B. Dart

Moosa, Mar. 22, 1894

Rec'd Mar 30

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Rev. Alden B. Case.

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Moosa, Cal, Aug. 19, 1899
Rec'd Aug. 27.

Rev. N. G. Clark, D.D.,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Clark:—

Several months have passed since I have written you. During this time my health has steadily improved. I have dismissed my crutches, and except that my ankle is a little stiffened I have as good use of the limb as at any time for years.

There is still a slight opening where the operation was performed one year ago, but the discharge is almost imperceptable.

and for months there has been no pain.

I am now doing all my own work on the farm, amounting to not a little. The season, on account of the severe drought, has been disappointing, so much so that at times I have feared a coming necessity of writing the Board for assistance. Our means are much reduced, but we are not suffering.

I have not as yet learned whether the Board has engaged a man to fill Mr. Crawford's place.

I was sorry that at the time of the annual meeting of our mission we could not offer to go to

Hermosillo. My prospects of health did not then warrant it, and I gave neither you or our brethren in Mexico encouragement to think that I could return to the work under two years from the date of leaving it. It is thus probable that a new man is already appointed to Hermosillo. Provided, however, no such arrangement has been made to fill the vacancy Mrs. Case and I will gladly go there, holding ourselves in readiness to start by the first of November next.

We should plan to leave our two oldest children in the care of their grandparents here, and in every respect to make the move with as little expense as possible.

(As Mrs. Crawford plans to come so near to our present home a partial exchange of household goods might be arranged.)

I have of late been trying my strength for ministerial work, having had occasional calls to speak in this vicinity. My growing feeling of ability has contributed to increase my desire to reëngage in the work to which Mrs. Case and I gave ourselves ten years ago. While in some respects it might prove advantageous to continue in our retirement for another year I fear that on the whole it would result in loss, notably so in the use of the language, and also

in habits of study, for in my present efforts to support my family my time and strength are too completely occupied in manual labor.

It is with anxiety that I feel myself thus losing ground, so that I have been considering whether, in case the way were not now open for our return to Mexico, I had not best seek to engage in Spanish work in this region. The considerable Mexican pop. offers abundant opportunities for evangelistic effort. Our denomination has thus far attempted almost nothing. The Presbyterians have made something of a

beginning. If, for the present, the Board does not need us, would you advise me to seek for employment of this kind here, and, in that case, could you consistently write for me a word of commendation which might assist in introducing me to those in charge of such work?

In considering the matter of our return to Mexico there is another subject of which I must speak. Mrs. Case is troubled with a deafness which has been slightly growing upon her for years! She feels that it already is a considerable hindrance to

her most efficient usefulness in missionary work. She naturally feels this more than I do, yet should the deafness continue to increase, as it is liable to do, she might in a few years be so troubled by it that she would feel that for our children's sake she could do more good to be with them in the United States. In such a case it is doubtful whether the Board would wish me to continue alone in Mexico. Mrs. Case even thinks it is probable that by the expiration of five years, and perhaps before, we may need on this account to return from the field. She is as

desirous as I am
to go back to the work,
but we both feel that
the Board should not
send us without taking
this matter into account.

We pray and believe
that all our ways will
be ordered of the Lord.

Most Sincerely Yours,
Alden B. Case

Moosa, San Diego Co, Cal. Sept. 8. 1894.

Rev. N. G. Clark. D.D.
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Clark:-

Your letter of Aug. 30. in reply to mine, proposing to go to Hermosillo, was very welcome, and we are very happy in the thought of getting back into the work.

You were very kind to speak of my limiting my efforts to what I could conveniently do. I will try to do that, and shall hope that my ability to take work upon me will increase so that I shall really be a profitable servant of the Board. Were I thoroughly strong I would much prefer to return to Parral, but I can but feel that the demands upon me there would be harder to meet successfully than in going to a new place.

We learn that Mrs. Crawford has already sold the most of her household goods, so that we shall be obliged to furnish ourselves another way.

We have written to her, hoping to gain information

as to the feasability of getting what we need either in Hermosillo or in Nogales. We are determined to make as little call as possible on the Board. I will write you after a little as to the amount we shall need.

We can see no reason now why we cannot be ready to go early in Nov. I am speaking more frequently on Mexico and our mission work there: hope to attend the genl Ass. meeting at Los Angeles next month. I have prepared a large map of Mexico to use in my talks. We shall doubtless see Mrs. Crawford soon after her arrival at Pomona. I will enclose the doctor's statement which you desire.

Faithfully Yours.

Alden B. Case.

Rev. A. B. Case
Missy. Sept. 8. '94
Recd Sept. 18.

J. H. RICE, M. D. N. J. RICE, M. D.
OFFICE OF
DRS. RICE & RICE,
Physicians and Surgeons.

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Escondido, Calif., Oct. 24 — 1894

Rev. N. G. Clark, D.D.
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Clark:-

I write to tell you that we leave here the 26th inst. for Hermosillo. We go by boat - Str. St. Paul - to Guaymas, where we shall be due Nov. 5th and, if all goes well, we shall arrive in Hermosillo on the 6th.

Very Sincerely Yours,

Alden B. Case

Rev. N. B. Case.

Escondido, Oct. 24, 1894.

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Hermosillo, Mex. Nov. 15-1894.

Rev. James L Barton, D.D.
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Barton:-

Your letter with enclosure of Oct. 29th was awaiting us on our arrival here last week. We do sincerely regret the retirement of our beloved Dr. Clark. We shall not forget him, and your hope that we will occasionally write him a personal letter will surely be fulfilled. While sorrowing that our relations with Dr. Clark as foreign Cor. Sec. are ended, we rejoice in the choice of his successor. I wish to thank you for your kind letter, and assure you that we will gladly coöperate with you in every way possible to us.

Mrs. Case and myself with our three youngest children - our two oldest being left in Calif - came by steamer, as we expected,

from San Diego to Guaymas, and reached Hermosillo Nov. 6th Our voyage was a pleasant one, as well as beneficial. My own health is continually improving so that I am very hopeful of soon taking up the work with my full degree of strength. A good beginning has been made at this station, especially in the way of mission buildings. While the property of the Board is not as centrally located as I should desire, it is on one of the principal streets, and in a very respectable part of the city.

The chapel and mission residence are quite attractive in appearance. A little grass plot in front, and a small garden of orange trees in the rear are a wonderful comfort to us, especially in this country where everything appears so barren. I realize how laborious a man Mr. Crawford was and how much he accomplished in his few years of work here. Our first meeting with the people was at the Wed. evening prayer service. About twenty were present. Tender remembrances

were expressed for the departed Crawfords, while a cordial welcome was given to us.

The congregation on the Sabbath numbered about 30. The Bissells were with us en route for their field at Fuerte. Mr. B. favored us with a most profitable discourse on the American Board, and reported the Madison meeting.

The native preacher, Eugenio Rodriguez, who has been stationed here since Mr. Crawford's death, has now returned to his former field, La Colorada. I am sorry to say that the spirit which he has shown has not been what we could have desired. He was somewhat puffed up with his responsible position here. Desiring to remain in it he used his influence to create among the people an opposition to the coming of another foreign missionary. I trust that his evident displeasure at our coming may give way to a more brotherly feeling as we make each others acquaintance. I plan to visit him and his field at the last of the month.

As I go about the

city of Hermosillo, and see how far away the people are, apparently, from the kingdom of heaven, I am impressed as never before with the futility of mere human effort in an undertaking such as we are engaged. If the Gospel were the power of man simply, I should have no faith in it. But I am reassured when I remember that it is the power of God. I feel that much prayer is needed and an earnest spirit of consecration on the part of the laborers so that God's power in the gospel may be made manifest.

Miss Burris is busily occupied in the school, which seems to be prospering well. She is also spending considerable time in the study of the language.

Very sincerely Yours,

Alden B. Case.

Hermosillo, Nov. 15, 1894.

Alden B. Case.
HERMOSILLO.
a Nogales, Sonora, Mexico.
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Hermosillo, Jan. 22, de 1895.

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.

Boston, Mass. Dear Dr. Barton:-

I had not thought to allow so long a time to pass before writing you again. Your kind letter of Nov. 30 was very welcome. Nothing of extraordinary interest has transpired at this station since our arrival. We are now pretty well settled, and also have become acquainted with our people and the field to a considerable extent. The congregation, which we found small in numbers, has at least held its own, in spite of the fact that some of the former regular attendants have temporarily moved away.

We ourselves are becoming more and more interested in the work, as our acquaintance increases, and it seems to us that there is a growing interest among the people. The prayer meeting has about the same number of attendants as the Sunday services, and the Christian Endeavor Society is becoming quite wide awake. In spite of all efforts, however, it is difficult to draw outsiders to the meetings.

Priestly influence is very strong indeed. We are treated with respect, but let severely alone. I am now increasing my circle of personal acquaintances each day, and am convinced that the progress seen will be along the line of hand to hand work.

I have made two visits to our out-station La Colorada and Prietas. These two places are but a mile apart. The population (about 4,000)

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consists largely of miners. There is no resident priest in that district. Perhaps this fact will explain the more liberal spirit manifested by the people. Our native helper, Rodriguez, appears to be doing well. He has up to this time worked exclusively in La Colorada, but with the establishment of our day school in Prietas he will at least conduct a Sunday school there. I am not sure whether Miss Burris has written you as to her change of location. The call in Prietas for a school was so urgent that, having secured a native teacher for the Hermosillo school, she is now in Prietas and expects to open work there tomorrow. I went over with her last week and aided in getting things into shape. The superintendent of the mines very kindly offered us a suitable room, and also assisted in the expense of fitting it up. Her stay there will be determined by circumstances. Our hope was that a school established in that place would serve as a feeder for this school, and that after a few months work there she might be able to exchange places with the lady now employed here. I hope that she will write you soon.

It gives me pleasure to imform you of a gift which this mission station has just received from the Pilgrim Cong'l church of Pomona, Cal, -a missionary buggy. The amount raised by the church was $50. With this the buggy was purchased and put aboard the cars. The freight and duties amounted to something over $150. Mex.cy. This I paid myself. It will be of very great use to us, especially as I now plan to divide my time more equally between this place and Prietas, at least so long

as the outlook there is so encouraging.

I suppose that Treas.Ward has been notified from Pomona of the gift to the Board of this carriage. Mrs.Crawford had something to do in the matter. We appreciate most thoroughly the sympathy shown by our friends there.

You will be glad to know that we are all in good health and very happy that we are here.

Yours sincerely,

Alden B. Case

Received Feb. 22, 1905

Elden B. Case.

HERMOSILLO.
Via Nogales, Sonora, Mexico.

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Hermosilla: March 19, de 1895.

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.

Boston,

Dear Dr. Barton:-

J. L. B.
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Your letter of Mar. 2nd, speaking of the communication from Joseph Guzman, was duly received, but a trip to Las Prietas has delayed my reply. It is true that Guzman was once in the employ of the mission at this station, and in some respects performed faithful service, but he left the work here with his character much clouded. It is probable that the injury he did to the cause by his scandalous life at the close, was much more than the good he had at first been the means of accomplishing. Although he made confession and appeared repentant, he left a bad name here and we should not like to see him back.

My present helper, Eugenio Rodriguez, is now causing us much anxiety, not through any scandal, but by his insubordinate and unfriendly spirit. Miss Burris feels that he is working against her, rather than with her in school at Prietas. La Colorada is only about one-hal mile from Prietas. I tried to have a serious and friendly talk with him last week when I was there, but a letter from Miss Burris today makes me feel that we shall be obliged to move him to some other field or dismiss him entirely from the mission employ. He has much that is good in him and should he go into a new place would doubtless work

March 10,

Rev. James L. Fartlon, D.D.

Pueblo,

Dear Dr. Fartlon:-

Your letter of Mar. 8 in speaking of the communication from Joseph Duncan, was duly received but a trip to Las Animas has delayed my reply. It is true that Duncan was once in the employ of the mission at this station, and in some respects performed faithful service, but he left the work here with his character much clouded. It is probable that the injury he did to the cause by his scandalous life at the close was much more than the good he had at first been the means of accomplishing. Although he made confession and appeared repentant, he left a bad name here and we should not like to see him back.

Mr. Manuel Melher Fuente Rodriguez is now causing us much anxiety, not through any scandal, but by his insubordinate and unfriendly spirit. Miss Burris feels that he is working against her rather than with her in school at Trinidad. La Colorada is only about one-half mile from Trinidad. I tried to have a serious and friendly talk with him last week when I was there, but a letter from Miss Burris today makes me feel that we shall be obliged to move him to some other field or dismiss him entirely from the mission employ. He has much that is good in him and should he go into a new place would doubtless work

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well for a time at least, The opening at Prietas and Colorada is very encouraging. The school is becoming well established, and prejudices which at first seemed obstinate, are being overcome. There are now about 20 pupils, and more are promised. Of these quite a number are paying tuition, thus providing the means for meeting many expenses connected with fitting up the rooms. We may also have something to apply on much needed repairs at the mission property at Colorada.

I am sorry not to able to report decided progress in the work in this city. New faces are seen in almost all our meetings, tracts are being distributed to quite an extent, and encouraging conversations are frequently had, but permanent results are slow in appearing.

Since last writing several of our members have removed to La Colorada, attracted thither by the recent mining boom. Feeling the importance of the work there I have been making a trip each week for the past month, and I want to arrange to give even more time to the out-station. With the exception of an occasional malarial attack, my health is good. Mrs. Case, however, has been very poorly for the past few weeks. I trust that she will soon be in usual good health.

In connection with the trip to the annual meeting of our mission at El Paso, I desire to make a visit to my old field Parral, not simply to see my old people, but to attend to collecting the balance of my papers, books and other property left there, and arranging some items of business which sooner or later demand my presence. You may be aware that I left Parral under sudden necessity of a surgical operation and have never returned, which I then hoped to do within a few weeks. While there I should like to visit the brethren

in the different outstations, spending possibly two weeks on the ground.

Yours most Sincerely,

Alden B. Cas

Hanover, April 19, 1898.

lden B. Case.

HERMOSILLO.

a Nogales, Sonora, Mexico.

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Hermosillo, March 29. de 1895.

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.

Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Barton:-

I understand that Dr. Pratt, lately employed in revising our Spanish Bible, may be secured, at least temporarily, for our Mexican mission, provided the Board will appoint him.

From what I have heard of him it seems to me that the opportunity is a rare one, and that we ought not to lose it. I most earnestly hope that should his application be received the Prudential Committee will see their way clear to send him.

I have just returned today from another trip to Las Prietas and La Colorada. Miss Burris is well and succeeding finely in her school, in spite of the smallpox and diptheria all about her. I was much pleased with the attendance and attention at our meeting in Colorada last evening. The scandalous life of Joseph Guzman, who formerly had charge of the work there, is still astumbling block to some. Today we have received word that the Pomona Congregational people have fitted Guzman out with horses and wagon, and he is now on the way to us. It will be impossible for us to employ him, and had we the means to do so it would not be wise. I can but wish that while yet a great way off he may be detained or providentially turned from his course. We are sadly in need of helpers, but here, as elsewhere, only men of pure lives

can be useful.

With most cordial regards, I remain

Yours faithfully,

Alden B. Case

Rev. A. B. Case
Hermosillo, Mexico
March 29, 95

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Parral, Mex. May 20-1893;

Rev. Jas L. Barton, D.D.
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Barton:-

My visit to this my old field has been one of extraordinary interest. Tonight at Corral de Piedras we hold the last of our series of twelve meetings. Zaragoza, Las Cuevas and other points have been visited during these ten days. Mr. Olds had secured the theater of this place for our meetings Sat. and Sunday evenings. On both occasions the audience numbered about 200, and the quiet, even eager, attention given seemed marvelous. I could but note the change and progress since Mrs. Case and I arrived here ten years ago. In this field there are now more than 200 converts already received to church fellowship, and it would be difficult to find a pueblo or village in this part of the state where there are not believers. Surely the Gospel is proving itself the power of God here as well as elsewhere. I leave on Wed. for El Paso to attend the examinations

of the Training school in place of Mr. Howland who is unable to come until the opening of the an. meeting on Saturday.

Sometime ago in one of my letters to you I mentioned that Mrs. Case had been ill. Her trouble dates back four years, when dangerous flooding followed childbirth. She had been gradually recovering, and when we left California her usual excellent health seemed nearly restored. Her present condition is again quite serious, so much so that I am forced to ask the permission of the mission and of the Board for leave of absence from Hermosillo during the hot months - June or July to October.

Although it was Mr Crawford's custom for the first few years to leave for a time each summer, it was our hope to remain on the ground. My own health might permit me to do so, but Mrs. Case's nervous system is now so affected that I cannot think of allowing her to go alone with the care of the children. I sincerely hope that a few months of treatment, and freedom from care may result in permanent restoration of health.

Our plans are not yet fully decided upon.

but it is likely that if permission is granted we shall pass the summer near where we were last year.

As to expenses, I am quite sure that, on account of less cost of living where we go, there will be no need to ask any funds additional to our salary.

I expect to be in El Paso until Thurs. May 30th going then to Hermosillo.

I shall be glad to hear from you in regard to this as soon as may be convenient

Yours very sincerely

Alden B. Gass.

Parral, May 20, 1895.

Rec'd May 27.

lden B. Case.

HERMOSILLO.

a Nogales, Sonora, Mexico.

J. L. B.
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Hermosillo. June 6, de 1895.

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.

Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Barton:-

I enclose herewith the minutes of our El Paso meeting. Everything passed off very pleasantly indeed. Prospective difficulties disappeared without being encountered, and I believe that we all start out for another year's work with great hopefulness.

In a few days I will send you the Reports of the stations, and the general statistics. I regret the delay in forwarding you the minutes.

Mrs. Case's condition of health is quite serious, although she is now better than I found her on my return. If able she will probably go to her father's in California next week, and I may follow at the end of this month.

Yours very sincerely,

A. B. Case.

Hermosillo, June 6, 95

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lden B. Case.
HERMOSILLO.
Nogales, Sonora, Mexico.

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MISSION OF THE AMERICAN BOARD TO MEXICO

~~Hermosillo~~. Escondido, Cal. Jun. 22d 1895.

Rev. James D. Barton, D.D.,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Barton:-

I was so occupied the last few days before leaving Hermosillo that I failed to write you of our movements, as I had expected to do. Mrs. Case had become much reduced in strength, and was suffering so from insomnia that our departure was at the last somewhat hastened. We passed a day with Mrs. Crawford at Los Angeles, and arrived yesterday at this place. The change from the excessive heat we had been experiencing to this climate is a most grateful one. We left the mission house in the care of an American doctor and his wife, who will occupy a part of the building and look after the place. They were glad to make this arrangement, which was also very satisfactory to us. Another American, Mr. Jas A. Stultz, who has shown great interest in the mission, and has

been a constant attendant at our services, consented to superintend the Sunday school, and assist in the other meetings, which will be in the charge of our Christian End. Soc. during my absence. I have also planned to write every two weeks, a letter to the church. Our native helper at Colorada will continue in charge of the work at the out-station. Thus, altho I very much regret to be absent for the summer, I believe that the loss occasioned thereby may not be great.

Mrs. Case endured the journey well, and is already feeling better for the change, yet I am in doubt as to whether it will be best for her to return to Mexico next year, and probably she should never return. Of this, however, I will write you more fully within a few days. ——— Just before leaving Hermosillo I presented the needs of the Board to our church, with the result that a special collection was taken, with pledges of systematic offerings, also some money on hand was voted to the Board - amounting in all to $30. gold. Will you please to ask the Treasurer to credit our mission account.

Very sincerely yours,
Adam B. Case.

This amount ($30) as from the Hermosillo church, charging the same against me on

lden B. Case.

HERMOSILLO.
a Nogales, Sonora, Mexico.

J. L. B.
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MISSION OF THE AMERICAN BOARD TO MEXICO

~~Hermosillo~~ Escondido, Calif. July 22d de 1895

Rev. Jas. L. Barton D.D.,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Barton;

Your letter of June 20th was duly rec'd, and I have forwarded it to the different stations of the Mission. Doubtless you have heard, ere this, from Mr. Howland of their desire for the appointment of a lady-teacher to take the place of Miss White. I send you herewith the statistics of the Mexican Mission. I regret the delay, caused by my inability to use my eyes for either reading or writing. I have been suffering for one month, with a serious inflammation of the eyes contracted before leaving Mexico. My wife's health, tho' somewhat improved since arriving in Calif., is such that it does not seem prudent that she should return to Mexico.

A nervous derangement of the system together with, & probably caused by the other trouble of which I write you, demands the most favorable conditions which can consistently be secured, and only time can give us hope of permanent recovery. In thus deciding that Mrs. Case cannot return to the work, we are aware that this means my own withdrawal from the field at an early date.

Were my own health what it once was, and what I hoped it was to be when rejoining the Mission last year, it would be very difficult to resign ourselves to the thought of a final separation from the service of the Board. While still able to do a moderate amount of labor, I am convinced from my recent trial on the field, that the necessities of the work require a stronger man than I can ever again hope to be. It has been only after long & prayerful consideration of the matter

we have thus decided to ask definite release from the labors we have so long enjoyed, and in which we had hoped to spend our lives; but being no longer able to attain, or approach our ideal of missionary service, we desire to give place to others, and so do now request release. Altho' I must leave my family behind, I should like to return to Hermosillo to supply as best I may until the new missionary may be able to take up the work.

I thus suggest the next annual meeting of our mission (Apr. 30th '96) as the time when my resignation shall take effect; - or as much earlier as may be considered best for the interests of the Hermosillo field.

While I have not formally expressed to the members of the mission our purpose the probability of such a decision is understood by several of the brethren.

and I will now communicate to all our plans. Mrs. Caw and I most earnestly hope, that our successors may soon be appointed. Would that it were possible for the Board to send a young man & his wife, this fall, to be associated with me, for a short time before my final leave-taking. I might be of service in introducing them to their work. While we know nothing definitely regarding our future, my hope is, that we shall not in any degree be dependent financially upon the Board.

Yours, very sincerely,

Alden B. Caw

Ponsiko, July 22, 1895.

Elden B. Case.

HERMOSILLO.
La Nogales, Sonora, Mexico.

J. L. B.
R'd 8-19-95
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MISSION OF THE AMERICAN BOARD TO MEXICO

Escondido, Calif.
~~Hermosillo.~~ August 12 de 1895.

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Barton:-

Your very kind favor of July 29th, with postscript of the 31st, was received a few days since. Mrs. Case and I are grateful for the hearty sympathy which you express regarding our physical ailments, and your regrets that our missionary service must soon close. I am greatly rejoiced in the prospect that Mr. Houlding may be secured to take up the work at Hermosillo. He is an able and earnest man, thoroughly consecrated to Christ's work. I have already notified our mission of my withdrawal from the field, and also of the possibility that Mr. Houlding may be secured

for Hermosillo. I trust that you will before long recieve some expression of their desire in the matter. I have also written a line to Mr. Houlding.

We should be very happy indeed could the Houldings be appointed so as to reach the field this fall. It would be a pleasure for me to receive them to the mission residence and make my home with them during the short time that might be best for me to remain. As Mr. Houlding has already some knowledge of the Spanish, he could doubtless very soon carry on the work alone.

Mrs. Case desires me to thank you your kind sympathy on her behalf. She is able to be about the most of the time, and attends to a part of her work. I am better than at last writing, the inflamation in my eyes having

abated somewhat. I plan to return to Hermosillo in the latter part of Sept. when the extreme heat will begin to diminish.

We should be glad to turn over our household furniture in Hermosillo to our successors in as far as may be desired. The #100. allowed us last fall for refitting, we, of course, consider as still belonging to the Board, i.e. household stuff to that amount.

Yours very sincerely,

Alden B. Case.

Escondido. Aug. 12. 18

Allen B. Case.

HERMOSILLO.

Nogales, Sonora, Mexico.

C. H. D.
Rec'd
Ans'd 9-4-95

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Escondido, Cal.

~~Hermosillo.~~ Aug 26 de 1895.

Rev. J. L. Barton, D.D.
~~Boston.~~

Dear Dr. Barton:-

Although I have heard nothing directly from Mr. Houlding I have indirectly heard that which makes me think that he may not be secured for Hermosillo. I still hope that he may be the man we are looking for, but in case he should not be available, and other candidates are to be considered, I wish to suggest to yourself personally - not now to the committee - Mr. Gerard A. Bailly, the writer of the enclosed note, written at my request.

In addition to his own statement I will say first of all that Mr. Bailly is not an ordained minister, nor has he had the advantages of a college or seminary training. Perhaps this very fact may be sufficient reason for not in any event considering him as a

C. H. D.
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Alex. M. Cox.
HERMOSILLO.
Nogales, Sonora, Mexico.

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Guaymas, Cal.
~~Hermosillo~~ Aug 26 de 1906.

Rev. J. C. Dorton, D.D.
~~Boston~~.

Dear Dr. Dorton:-

Although I have heard nothing directly from Mr. Hoskins I have indirectly heard that which makes me think that he may not be assured for Hermosillo. I still hope that he may be the man we are looking for; but in case he should not be available, and other candidates are to be considered I wish to suggest to you really personally not now to the committee - Mr. Jared A. Donally, the writer of the enclosed note, written at my request. In addition to his own statement I will say first of all that Mr. Donally is not an ordained minister, nor has he had the advantages of a college or seminary training. Perhaps this very fact may be sufficient reason for not in

Ben B. Case.

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candidate for missionary service under the Board. Another fact to be noticed is that both he and Miss Houlding (sister of Rev. Horace Houlding) have been accepted provisionally by the Alliance Board of New York, to be sent to Spanish work in South America. They are advised by that Board to postpone their marriage two or three years, giving one year to special training in New York, and going unmarried to their field. To this latter part of the plan they object, being now both about 30 yrs of age. The parents of the lady also object, so that no formal agreement has been made with the Alliance Board.

I have several times met Mr. B. and he has impressed me as a very earnest, consecrated man. His strong desire to engage wholly in missionary work, his years of successful experience in city mission and S.S. service, and his considerable acquaintance with Spanish

Mr. Geo.

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the Spanish language, may be advantages sufficient to obtain for him a favorable consideration by the Committee.

In addition, I may say that Home Missionary Supt. Ashmun, who attended Mr. Bailey's examination at San Bernardino this Spring, speaks of him very highly as also does S.S. Missionary Case of Southern Cal.

Mr. Bailey, in answer to questions of mine, has intimated a readiness to make application to the Board for appointment to Mexico, but in view of the fact that he is not an ordained man makes him hesitate to do so.

Will you kindly write me your opinion whether it would be well for him to make such application, or not?

Very sincerely yours

Alden B. Case.

Hermosillo, Aug. 26, 1890

Rec'd Sept. 3

Dear Dr. Reid:

Mr. Doolittle, in answer to question, has intimated a readiness to make application to the Board for appointment to Nogales, but in view of the fact that he is not in ordained means, we feel him hesitate to do so.

Will you kindly write me your opinion whether it would be well for him to make such application, or not?

Very sincerely yours

Calvin W. Lyons

Statement of Mr. Gerard A. Bailly.

addressed to Mr. Case.

H. D.

Recd Sept. 3, 1895

I am 30 years old this November.
Born in London Eng. My father
is Belgian - my mother English.
My father received his religious instruction as
a boy in the Romish Catholic Ch. Brussels -
but lost faith & became an avowed Skeptic
Received my education in the Common
Schools of London attending for 9 years.
Went to Sunday School from infancy &
remained in it till almost manhood. In
anticipation of going with a merchant friend to
Caracas S. America - at the age of 15 I set about
studying Spanish language - but the plan
to go to America fell through. At 16 years was
apprenticed to learn the art of setting
diamonds & precious stones.

About this time my religious experiences deepened & convictions crystalized. From childhood it was my privelege to sit under the preaching of Rev Edward White profound thinker & teacher an able exponent of the scriptures & doctrinal truths to him I owe the laying of the foundations for Christian knowledge & character. As a lad began to appreciate & appreciate. I became a member of his Church at 18. — two years later became deeply interested in an independent work for the street boys of London in a poor neighborhood establishing Club & mission, we were three lay workers. Nearly three years later came to California. From childhood in my ~~father's~~ home later in my business I ~~became~~ was closely associated with French people & thus acquired some fluency in the language. They were mostly Atheists having revolted from the Catholic Church. With the home missionary spirit came the prompting

for ~~[illegible]~~ one day the opportunity to work in a foreign field & possibly among that class of foreigners I best understood. I tried to refresher on the Spanish language now & then. When coming to Cal. I prayed that all the experiences might be a schooling & preparation for a higher usefulness. My reading & companion studies with the Bible mostly works of the character of Stanley's Jewish Church, Peter's Throne with the bible - Dr Smith's Old Testament history &c - God blessed me in the London work. In California I ranched the first year & kept nearly 5 years in San Francisco in the diamond business & began to think that my work was all I was called to do. In San Francisco Dr Lee with another brother I helped to carry on a mission Sunday Sch. & evening service for ~~two~~ 3 years - the Home Missionary Society kept us

Rev Horace Holding & we organized
Church & the Consummation of which
d wed me. Under Bro Holding's
ministry the Foreign Missionary Spirit
bived & could not be laid aside - later
I became acquainted with & engaged to
Miss Holding also quickened with missionary
al - we laid ourselves, our mutual lives
on the Altar, surrendered all other ambition
the one life work of missionary labor.
n order to be better settled & established
my own convictions I left my regular
ocation went to teaching & watching
e better to know God His voice His
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me & I learned to know His Will His
ice - the consecrating indwelling of the
ly Spirit. As a means of practical
work & greater equipment

at the San Bernardino Assn. of Congl. Churches I was granted the Credentials of Licentiate. The past year my farming interests were in the Cucamonga valley Riverside Co. where the Lord blessed me in Sunday school work & where under the teaching of Rev Stephen Emerson was helpful in organizing a Congregational Church. His Wife has special qualifications as a helpmeet in such work - being a fully Consecrated and musician & singer & faithful worker. My dear brother Case you are at liberty to use such material from this statement as you may see fit - but I most earnestly desire that it should not be submitted officially to the Board & that no correspondence be made with the Alliance or any of my References until I am communicated with again.

This matter presented tentatively
your Secretary may assist me in
ing the right & best thing to do.
Trusting simply & fully in God's Gu
in this matter I remain Yours Sincer
in His Fellowship —

Gérard A. Bailly

Elden B. Case.

HERMOSILLO.
a Nogales, Sonora, Mexico.

MISSION OF THE AMERICAN BOARD TO MEXICO
Batopilas,
~~Hermosillo~~. ~~December 10~~ de 1895.

Rev. G. H. Daniels, D.D.
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Daniels:-

I sincerely regret my inexcusable delay in writing you. I am surprised and ashamed that so long a time has passed without my having informed you of my whereabouts and work. While still in California I received your letter giving counsel as to the proposed candidacy of Mr. Bailie for appointment to Mexico. Early in September, and while on the point of returning to Hermosillo, I received a telegram, signed by three of our missionaries, then by chance together in Chihuahua, asking if I would take up a special work of six months in Batopilas, Hermosillo to be supplied in the meantime by a native helper. Knowing already of the favorable opening at Batopilas, I assented. On account of the impossibility of securing at

present a suitable house in Las Prietas for continuing the school opened there by Miss Burris one year ago, together with the fact that there would probably be no missionary family at the Hermosillo station during this year, it had already been proposed that Miss Burris be asked to assist at one of the other stations, at least until the next annual meeting. Then came the urgent call for a teacher at Batopilas, with the outlook favorable for partial or entire self support. It was decided by the mission to respond to the call. The matter of undertaking a permanent work of this kind here will come before the Mission next April.

I visited Hermosillo on my way to this place, meeting the native minister, and introducing him to his new field. The mission property I left in the care of an American friend. The house is in excellent care and also yielding a reasonable monthly rent. It will doubtless thus be

occupied until needed by the new missionary family. A part of my household stuff I sent to Mrs. Case in Cal. while I left stored in the house $100 worth of furniture for our successors, this being the amount provided us by the Board as refit on our going to Hermosillo. The list of these goods will be kept by Mr. Eaton together with inventory of all other Board property. When the new missionary is appointed for Hermosillo, he should have a copy of this list before providing his outfit.

He arrived at Batopilas Oct. 22. This is a mining town of 4,000 pop. and is the center of a well populated region. While within the borders of Chihuahua, it is on the western slope of the Sierra Madre mountains, and nearer Fuerte than any other of our mission stations. He came by Chihuahua city. From there to Batopilas is a journey of three days by stage, then six days by saddle mules, over a moat

romantic and precipitous mountain Trail. The town had been visited by one of our native colporters last spring. On account of the reports given by him, a student preacher from the El Paso school was sent to occupy the field during the summer vacation. Various circumstances had operated to prepare the way in an unusual manner for the reception of the Gospel. The just and christian conduct of an American mining Company located here has been an indirect but powerful influence in favor of protestant Christianity. On the other hand the behaviour of a Roman priest recently removed from this field, was such as to cause disgust, on the part of many, with the abuses of the Roman system. Direct beginnings of protestant faith can be traced to copies of the Bible brought here, some of them many years ago; one by a Mexican returning from a visit to California, another by a man returning from Parral, while

many Bibles were sent to this region from the Chihuahua station.

Due to the reading of these Bibles many residents of the town have been protestants for years without knowing that name.

The efforts of our native preacher last summer resulted in finding out these people, deepening their interest and interesting many more. A small congregation was formed, and some 12 or 15 persons expressed a desire for baptism. A Christian Endeavor society was also organized. Meetings were held in an old Roman Chapel, freely offered to us by the present owner, who is one of the most influential residents of the place. Since our arrival the interest has continued to increase. The chapel is usually filled with attentive listeners, while many gather about the doors. The C.E. society numbers more than twenty active members. At our last midweek prayer-meeting over forty were present. A regular sabbath school has been established. Evening meetings at private houses

have been commenced, and in January we hope to organize a church.

Miss Burrows' school has opened with unusual encouragements. From an attendance of eleven the first week, the number has now increased to thirty-four. Some of the pupils are from the best families of the place, and the income from tuition promises to be little, if any, short of self support, (~~being now~~ more than $1 per month.) Best of all the school is proving a valuable help to the evangelistic work. Miss Burrows is very successful in her efforts to interest her pupils and their families in the Bible. The number of women and girls who attend our services, is constantly increasing. Yet we encounter obstacles and opposition. Many are extremely indignant because of the efforts to propogate "a new religion". We hear it said that "the devil has been let loose in Batopilas".

A native lady of much influence, formerly a resident of this place, on hearing of our work wrote to a friend here, and desired her to give the message to others, not to allow

their children to attend the protestant school, adding: "It will be far better for your children to reach heaven, although ignorant, than to go to hell educated."

I have just received a letter from our helper in Hermosillo. He is evidently doing faithful work. The spirit of the people there, however, is much less favorable to the Gospel than here. The congregations, never large, are smaller than usual owing to recent removals. Most deeply do I regret that the health of my family will not permit of our remaining in the service of this Mission. Mrs. Case appears to be slowly gaining in strength, but it would not be prudent for her to return to Mexico. My own strength is but moderate, It is not what it ought to be for the work here. The winter season, however, is favorable. You doubtless know that I expect to withdraw from the field after our next annual meeting.

I shall rejoice when we know that a new missionary has been appointed for Mexico.

Very sincerely Yours,
Alden B. Case

Batopilas, Dec. 10.
Filed Jan. 2.

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Batopilas, Mex. Jan. 29, 1896.

Rev. Jas. L. Barton D.D.,
Boston, Mass.,

Dear Dr. Barton:-

I am glad to know of your safe return home. The reports of the Commission's visit to Japan have been exceedingly interesting, and I trust that the result will be altogether satisfactory.

The news of Dr. Clark's death comes to me like a personal bereavement. Although I had seen him but a few times his acquaintance, through years of correspondence, I count among my rarest blessings.

A letter written by me to Dr. Daniels last month explained the circumstances of my coming to Batopilas. The work here is proving as promising, if not more so, than the outlook some months ago seemed to indicate. Since my last writing to the Rooms there has been no abatement, but rather an increase in the interest. On Jan 18 Bro. Bissell arrived from Guerte and spent nine days with us, aiding me in a series of special meetings, at the close of which our church was organized, eight persons being received to membership and ten more proposed as candidates. All of these with some others would like to have been received, but irregularity in marriage relations in some cases prevented,

while in others a longer probation seemed to me wise. Still other persons were seriously awakened by means of the meetings last week. The attendance every evening was such as to crowd the little chapel to overflowing, many coming from the higher classes of society. The Society of C. E. has now a membership of 30. The S. S. is steadily gaining in regular attendants, and the week day prayer meeting brings out almost as many as the Sunday services. Another indication of the interest may be seen in the fact that the brethren, many of them, have pledged a stated weekly offering towards sustaining the church work. Some give 25 cts a week, others 50, and the whole amount now pledged is more than $25 a month. It is a pleasure to me to observe how faithfully these pledges, for the most part, are being kept. While comparatively little opposition comes from the Roman church, there are peculiar perils and temptations to which our converts are exposed. As is often the case in mining towns, money here is plenty, gambling, drinking and accompanying vices are more open and prevalent than in any place where I have ever been before. The whole, if not all, of those who have now confessed

Christ were living dissipated lives. Nothing but the power of God in the gospel can produce such changes as have been witnessed here.

A very interesting part of my work is connected with the prisoners in the city jail. My room is in the house adjoining the jail and after having sent in to the prisoners selected reading matter for some weeks, I was surprised to learn that they had formally presented a petition to the mayor asking that the protestant minister be allowed to go in and speak to them. Permission was granted, and my first visit was made on Christmas Day, since which I have spent an hour with them every Wednesday morning. There is no hour of the week that I enjoy so much. The eager attention which is given to the Scripture reading and explanations is something rarely seen. Of the 50 or more prisoners about one half are pure blooded Indians, almost entirely nude. These understand more or less perfectly the Spanish and listen with no less attention than the others. Last week Mr. Bissell also addressed this audience. When opportunity was given for those who purposed to accept Jesus Christ as Savior and follow him to manifest it, some twelve men raised their hands. I have given Testaments to all who desire them and have also placed selected texts of Scripture in large type on the prison walls. The city authorities are most friendly to this work. It is with regret

that I see the time drawing near for my leaving the field. On account of the reduction in the appropriations for the work of the current year, it is likely that our annual mission meeting will be held a month earlier than has been planned, and the time of my final retiring from the work was suggested to coincide with that of the an. meeting. My own health is now quite good, in fact better than for years. Mrs. Case seems to be gradually gaining, but it would not seem prudent for her to return to Mexico, neither would it be thought advisable for me to remain here while leaving my family there. Still, were it not for the fact that there is a needy field among the Mexicans of California, I fear I could not become reconciled to the thought of taking a final leave of my brethren and work in Mexico. Were I needed here a few months longer I would gladly stay. But while practically a single man, I am receiving full salary, and it seems to me that my place should be supplied as soon as possible by a man whose wife can accompany and assist him. No news from Boston would give me more joy than to know that a new missionary had been appointed for work in Mexico. Very difficult will

it be for this mission to plan its work for the year. It seems probable that enough funds may be raised on the field (Batopilas) to pay the salary of a native helper in this place. The school here is also now nearly or quite on a self supporting basis. The tuition ~~now~~ amounting to Miss Burris' salary, but Miss B. should not be left here alone. She has 40 pupils and her hands are very full. Had she an assistant she could take more pupils, and the income would be increased.

I believe that God will guide us to all our plans, and apparently we never needed guidance so much as now.

I hope that Miss Burris will soon write to you.

Very faithfully yours Bro.

Alden B. Glass

P.S. Will you kindly do me the favor to acknowledge to Dr. Daniels my receipt of his letter of Dec. 24. I am thankful to have had this brief time of correspondence with him — and ~~altho~~ thankful for his kind words.

A. B. G.

Batopilas, Jan. 29, '96

J. L. B.
Rec'd 2-18-96
Ans'd

Ltr C. M. C.

Datopilas, Mexico, Feb. 5. 1896.

Rev James L. Barton D.D.
Boston, Mass,

Dear Dr. Barton:

Our supply of blanks for making out the annual statistics of the Mexican Mission is exhausted.

Will you please to send a supply addressed to Mr. Eaton at Chihuahua, as they can be more readily distributed from there?

We continue well here, and the work goes on with increasing interest.

Very sincerely yours

Aden B. Leach.

Batopilas, Feb. 5, '96

J. L. B.
Rec'd 3-3-96
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Batopilas, Mex. Feb. 15, 1896.

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Barton:

Two weeks ago I wrote you in regard to Mr. Bissell's visit, our church organization, and the hopeful character of the work here.

One of the problems to be considered at the approaching annual meeting of our Mission is, "What shall be done with Batopilas?"

Without some American associate Miss Burris can hardly be expected to remain, and there are some unusually strong reasons why she should be continued, and additional force sent here. A promising beginning has been made in both school and evangelistic work. The school has 41 pupils now in attendance. It is well supplied with furniture, at a cost of $120, provided for from tuition income. The tuition receipts for Dec. were $72.25, more than that was received for Jan'y, and for Feb. the income will exceed $80. Of this, however, $20 goes for rent. A Boy's school is wanted, and efforts which I have been making towards self support have now resulted in a movement to combine school and church work under the management of the missionary. Many of the leading men of the place, while not professing adhesion to our church,

appear pleased with the work alredy begun here and have confidence in our missionary society. Their proposal is in substance this:- that in addition to the Girls' school, the Mission establish one for boys. the missionary himself acting as director. He shall, however, only be required to have the general oversight and business management of the institution and shall be professor of the English language. It being understood that at least one-half his time shall be left free for evangelistic work. For assistant he shall have a competent Mexican, to be named by the Mission. As an inducement for the Mission to establish such a school money aid is offered. The details of the subscription are not completed, but two of those principally interested have agreed to guarantee the whole amount proposed, and I am duly authorized to present the matter to the Mission and the Board. It is proposed to raise by monthly payments a sum sufficient to meet all rent expenses, (school and residence) the entire salary of the native teacher, and one-half the salary of the missionary. The form of subscription does not embrace

details, but is based on the following calculation:

Expenses: Salaries; one-half the salary for the missionary, and entire salary for assistant — $150.
(This per mo. a lump sum placed at disposal of Mission.)

Rents — prices of houses already agreed upon — 30.

Incidentals — — — — 20.

Total expenses for the year at $190.00 per month — $2280.00

Income: from tuition, estimated at $90 per month for 10 mos, (not counting vacation of two mos) - $900.

Total expenses less total receipts - $2280 - 900 = $1380.

To meet this deficit of $1,380.00 a guarantee subscription of $115 a month for 12 months has been made. The parties are entirely responsible, one being an American, the Supt. of the Batopilas Mining Co, acting for the company.

Considering the tuition receipts of Miss Burris' school, the above $90 estimate cannot be far out of the way. I have reason to believe that a separate subscription for the evangelistic work, which is being circulated, will make up a good share of what is lacking of the missionary's salary in the above plan. While no agreement is expressed of aid beyond the first year, enough has been said to make me feel sure that should the institution be well managed money assistance will be continued.

It is earnestly desired that this boys' school be established as soon as possible. It would be very satisfactory to the towns-people could a short term be held before the midsummer vacation this year.

I write you thus fully so that you may know the situation and send back word upon the subject in time for the annual meeting of the Mission in Chihuahua, Apr 9th.

By all means the missionary in charge here should be accompanied by his wife, not only for his and the work's sake, but also that Miss Burris may have the home and companionship she so much needs.

I have addressed to the members of the Mission, by "circle" letter the substance of what I have herein written, that at the an. meeting they may be prepared to consider the matter, in connection with the word we shall hope to receive from you.

I plan to go to the an. meeting via Parral, to assist in special meetings and in the laying of the corner stone of our church building there. My time here is now limited to about five weeks. Pina, our efficient Bible colporter, will probable arrive before I leave and remain until some one else is sent.

Yours very sincerely,

Alden B. Case

P.S. I suggest that reply be sent in care of Mr. Eaton, Chihuahua —

J. L. B.
'd 3-24-96
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Batopilas, Mex. Mar. 10-1896.

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Barton:-

Your kind and sympathetic letter of Feb. 20 reached me by the last mail. You have doubtless ere this received the word from me regarding the offer for a boys' school here. The opportunity which is presented is a rare one.

Batopilas is not a station of our mission. It is less than a year since the place was visited by native helpers, and last fall the field gave such signs of promise that Miss Burris and I were asked to come over and remain until the annual meeting of the mission. The question of whether or not it should be made a station will without doubt come up for discussion at the Chihuahua meeting. It will be a question of no small importance, for connected with it will be the one of the workers for the field, and, in case this is made a station, "What shall be done with Hermosillo?" Notwithstanding the fact that Hermosillo is the most discouraging of all our fields, there can be no thought of abandoning it, even for a more

promising one. Yet the reasonable certainty that the work at Batopilas will be from the beginning so nearly self supporting, - this together with the prospect of permanence for the work established here, - would seem to indicate that if we cannot have a missionary in both places, it would be better to work Hermosillo with native help until such time as the Board will be able to send a missionary there also. It may be that my brethren will not agree with me in this. I have been hoping to hear of the appointment of a new missionary in my place. It is with deepest regret that I must soon withdraw from this work. Although the separation from my family is a trial, I had of late been hoping that I might remain, perhaps even another year, should the mission desire it. But recent word from Mrs. Case makes it appear very improbable that I can remain so long. Her condition of health is such that I feel that I should be with her. She is hoping that I will return to her immediately after the meeting in Chihuahua, Should I delay my departure after that meeting there could be no certainty of its being but for a short time,

to occupy a field - this or some other - until more permanent arrangements could be made. Until quite recently Mrs. Case's health has appeared to improve, and she has written most hopefully. Late information is disappointing, hence the probability that my stay into the next mission year, if at all, can be but brief.

The work here continues much as when I last wrote you. A number of promising candidates expect to unite with the church at the April communion.

Miss Burris, while not giving up even for a day her school duties, has been suffering for two or three weeks with a malarial condition. In her struggle with it she appears now to be gaining.

I am expecting the arrival of one of our Bible men about Apr. 1st. As Miss Burris does not plan to attend the annual meeting, this man will remain here until after the meeting.

Sincerely and faithfully yours,

Alden B. Case.

P.S. I am making arrangements to leave here on Apr. 6th, going to Chihuahua, by way of Parral.

A. B. C.

Petitions, Rec'd. 10 '98

Wm B. Case.

HERMOSILLO.
Nogales, Sonora, Mexico.

J. L. B.
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~~Hermosillo~~ Chihuahua Apr. 26 de 1896.

Rev. Jas L. Barton, D.D.,
Boston, Mass.,

Dear Dr. Barton:-

As you are aware, our annual meeting is in progress. In a few days you will doubtless receive a report of it. It has been nearly three weeks since I left Batopilas. Thirteen new members were received to our church there on Apr. 5. and the work as a whole seems to have lost nothing of its encouraging features. Miss Burris is bravely going forward with her school, and the native helper who has spent the last year in Parral is temporarily in charge of the church work. I am exceedingly desirous that an American may soon be found for that field.

It is not possible for me to express the regret which I feel in now

finally withdrawing from the work to which Mrs. Case and I gave ourselves twelve years ago. It was a deep disappointment to her and to me that ill health prevented our permanent continuance at Hermosillo. Although in many respects the most difficult field of the mission, there is none more needy. The mission is determined to make the best provision possible for it.

My Batopilas experience has been almost thrilling in its interest, and I sincerely thank God that it was my privilege to pass these few months in His work there.

In retiring from the service of the mission and Board, I have only the most pleasant memories of fellowship in the Master's service. Should God allow me to continue in His work in some other field, my interest in this mission, and in the associates I now leave, must ever

den B. Case.

HERMOSILLO.
Nogales, Sonora, Mexico.

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remain peculiarly warm and tender.

I plan to leave Chihuahua next Wednesday, going directly to my family in California. I have, as yet no other certain work in view. Since knowing we must leave Mexico, it has been my hope to open and follow the same kind of work among the Mexicans of California. Tens of thousands of Spanish speaking people there are as completely without the Gospel as are the masses here, and our denomination has as yet made no effort to reach them. Lack of funds just now gives little hope of attempting anything, except, possibly, in a very small way. In any event the condition of my wife's health is now such that, even should opportunity offer, I should not wish to engage immediately in work which would demand my full strength. One consideration, that of the present desperate financial

condition of the Am. Board, makes the way much easier for me to retire. My earnest hope is that the funds which have been appropriated for my support for 1896 may be allowed to remain at the disposal of this mission, and made to serve in keeping two or more native preachers in the work who must otherwise be cut off, together with other helpers, on account of the recent reductions in appropriations. It has been with the gravest perplexity that we have planned for the carrying on of the work for the balance of this year, even with the hope that this salary I speak of be left at the mission's disposal.

My expenses in returning home should not be great. I have left in Hermosillo the amount of household stuff ($100 gold) which was allowed us as "refit" on going to that city. This furniture is properly stored in the mission house, and an inventory of it is in Mr. Eaton's hands. I have three boxes of books to be to ship from Hermosillo, also three small ones from Parral.

Very faithfully yours, A. B. Lee

My address for the present will be, Escondido, Calif.

J. L. B.
Rec'd
Ans'd 6-10-96

Escondido, Calif. May 20, '96.

Rev. Jas L. Barton, D.D.,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Barton:-

Your kind letter of the 12th inst. is just received, and in reply to your questions I would say that while as yet I have no definite engagement for work which will give me a comfortable support, the prospect is good that I may soon commence evangelistic labor among the Spanish speaking people of this region. I shall begin as I am able, and receive what the churches and friends may contribute for the present year. By another year it is hoped that the Cong'l H. M. Soc. may be able to give me a regular commission. My financial circumstances will require for the present the strictest economy but both Mrs. Case and myself prefer to ask no grant from the Board, except for a sum sufficient to cover my travelling expenses

from Chihuahua here, together with the freight on my books and some other household articles which we feel that we must have. My railway fare coming home was $27.70, Two boxes which I have already received from Hermosillo incurred a freight expense of $14.40 As I mentioned in my last to you I still have six boxes to come, three packed and stored at Hermosillo, and three at Parral. Judging from the freight already paid, it seems probable that $40 will be required to pay that which is still to come, Thus my whole expense in retiring from the field will be about $82.

If the Board will grant me this amount I shall be very thankful. I shall expect nothing more, and wish that I might not feel obliged to ask this. We greatly rejoice to know that a new missionary will be sent to Mexico. Very cordially yours,

Aldan B. C

P.S. It may seem to you best to defer fixing the amount of grant until the exact expense is known, nearly a month yet. A.B.C.

Pomona, Calif. June 19, 1896.

Rev. Jas. L. Barton, D.D.,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Barton:-

Your very kind letter of the 10th inst. with accompanying draft for $200, was received yesterday. We were greatly surprised at the amount sent, and appreciate much the cordial generosity of yourself and of the Prudential Committee; and your friendly words of esteem and sympathy we value most highly. Our relations with the Board have always been of the most pleasant nature, and we shall ever consider it an honor and blessing to have been so long connected with it. We wish to thank you personally for your brotherly interest during the brief period of our correspondence, and through you we thank the members of the Prudential Committee for their kindness which has been so constant. I cannot believe that our interest in the Board and

its great work will ever decrease. Especially shall we ever keep in close sympathy with the progress of our Mexican mission. I feel exceedingly desirous that the present opportunity at Batopilas should be rightly improved. Our own work among the Mexicans of Sou. California, will continue to keep us in near relations with the work across the border, and we may be able indirectly to aid still in that work.

Very cordially your Brother,

Alden B. Case.

Bonora, June 19, 1896.

Rec'd June 25.

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El Parral May 13th 1890.

My dear Dr. Clark,

I think I should have acknowledged the receipt of your letters to Mr. Case ere this. You will doubtless have heard from other sources of his painful journey to Chicago for amputation of the limb. This is another trial requiring strong courage & cheerful faith upon our part & this you have been greatly comforted & sustained. I have not yet heard of the success of the operation — nor when it was to occur — but I trust it is safely or in any danger passed. If not I would surely have received a telegram.

Yes letters of yours I forwarded first to Mr. Eaton as they referred to appropriations & certain changes which might be considered by the mission, asking Mr. E— to forward to Chicago. A later letter rec'd two days ago I sent directly to Mr. Case.

Our little family circle remaining at this station are in usual health. We are doing all we can to carry the work forward in Mr. C's absence. Two colporters who were out when Mr. Case left home brought in good reports of work done & books sold. ~~St. Francisco's~~ Padierna — the native helper who has been for two yrs in Pass del Norte, now working in this field — returned at my request — last week, from Zaragoza. He, & Andres brother from that place report a crowded house at the nightly meetings which were held for two weeks & much

received from Mr. Case since he left. Prospects for missionaries look as if we are taking a step forward.

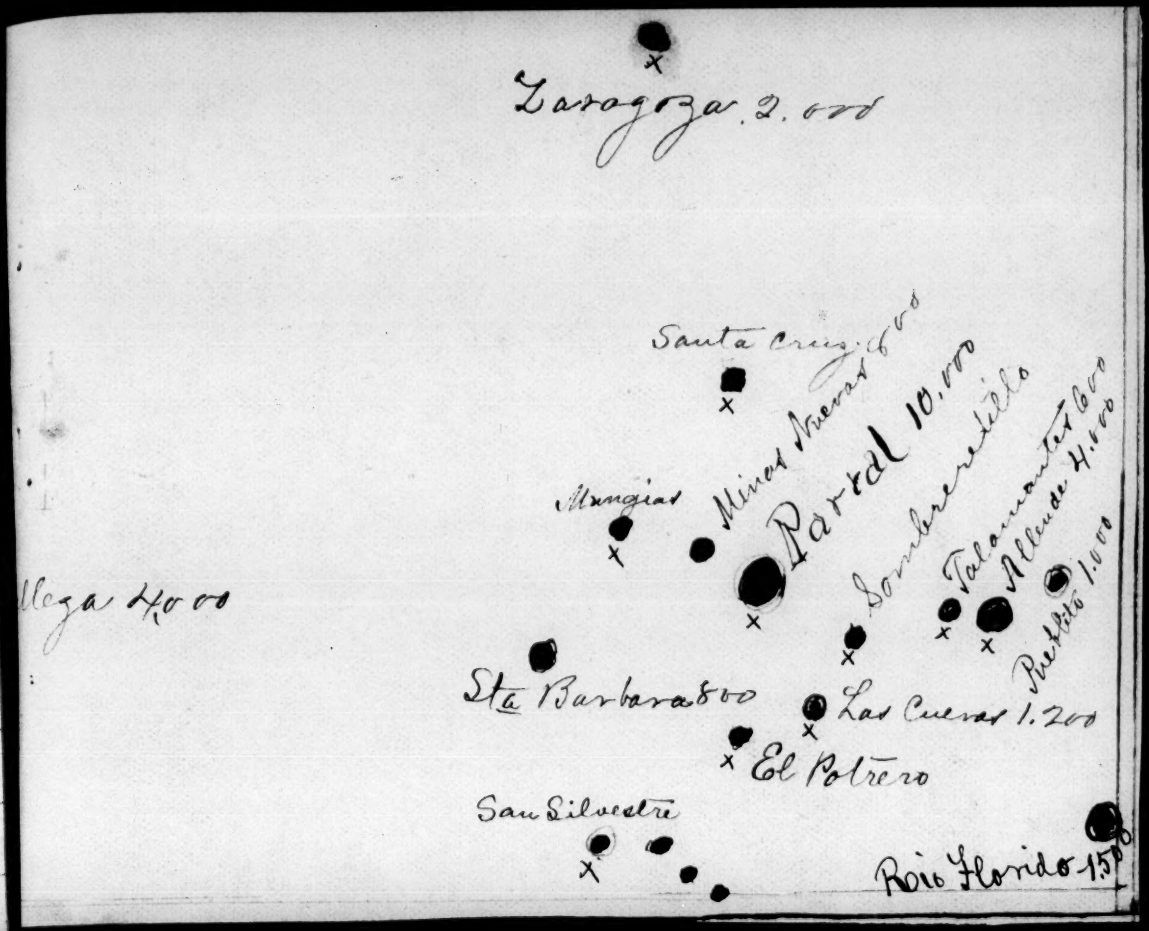
interest manifested by outside crowds. As soon as he can make the rounds of outstations at El Valle & Las Cuevas - he will return to Zacapa to continue this most hopeful work. He gave us a good sermon here yesterday addressed to a full house.

After the usual preaching service was held our first meeting of the ~~"Sociedad Misionera para los Jovenes"~~ Youth's Mission Society. Two of our school-girls had translated interesting articles from Miss. Herald on the Religions of India. We feel pretty encouraged by the interest manifested & the promises made by these poor children to aid by their "tlacos" in sending the Bible to those who know it not. Their first contribution amounted to near 50 cts. all given in tlacos by the children themselves.

Miss Prescott has a very full school (40 pupils) & often is not able to take needed rest. She takes no - takes all the music work - & one of the older girls assists with the smaller classes, but she still has her hands more than full. However she never complains of feeling ill & plans to spend her "vacation" at Zacapa in Las Cuevas starting the school for the girls ~~who~~ (from the boarding school in Chihuahua) who is expected to take charge of it.

Every day I have sales of books from our "Mission book-store". Today the sales have amounted to $5.00 - So you see the work goes on in the absence of the missionary, & I am thankful that I have stood at the post - to help what I can. We keep so busy that we have little time to worry or to be very lonely.

Mrs Myra G Case S
El Dorado, May 13 1890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Allende, Mexico. May 5th 1892.

Dr. A. G. Clark.

Dear Secretary:—

Yours, to me, of Feb. 13th was gratefully rec'd. Your interest in securing for us the home we have so long desired is greatly appreciated, I assure you.

Today Mr. Case rec'd the announcement thro' Mr. Eaton, of the two sums - $33 from a friend at Springfield & $5 from Mt. G. - for the "Church of the Christian Pilgrims" in Las Cuevas. It is a most timely help, & our gratitude goes out to the donors.

We often feel our remissness in regard to sending information ~~regarding~~ from our field to the Missionary journals. This is one result of the growing requirements of our work. I have for a few days been again confined to my bed. — still not so indisposed as to prevent writing, & I have improved the opportunity in preparing the enclosed article, which I send to you, to do with as

Your thoughtful interest in the mtk. Yours, in the mtk. Myra S. Case

[illegible] in the only one where we have believers.

you may think best. If worthy a place in the Herald & Mr. Strong finds room for it, well: - if not, Miss Childs might make use of it - for Life and Light. Mr. Case kindly copied it for me on the type-writer. We have had to cut away many side pictures which might have added to the interest; as it was - when first finished - far too long for publication.

The accompanying map of our field, which is the most populous region in the state, is a copy of one drawn for use at our An. Meeting. I thought you, at least, might like to see it. Cities & villages are marked with red, & ranches black. In places marked x we have regular services established. During our first yr. here we attempted work in Santa Barbara & Minas Nuevas. - but, finding them fanatical & slow of results, left them for other places more open to the Gospel. You will remember that Mr. Olds accompanied Mr. Case on a most successful tour to Balleza - in the mountains. Mr. Case often speaks of going again, but cannot without neglecting the work nearer home.

He, today, started for Zaragoza - to be gone five or six days. Our hearts are filled with gratitude to God for his sparing mercy during the times of sickness in our family.

- weighing at some nubbles but 12 pounds; the is gaining again however.

Allende, May 5, 1892

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Missionary, Alden B. Case.

Outstations: Allende. Las Cuevas. Zaragoza.

~~Santa Gertrudis~~ Parral, Chihuahua, Mex.
Aug 14th 1893

Dear Dr. Clark. Your very kind letters to Mr. Case are at hand, written after receiving notice of the return of his trouble in the ankle. Your kind sympathy & desire to assist us in all plans for his recovery is very grateful. He left us nearly two weeks ago for Chicago. Your letters were forwarded to him there. Dr. Graham (who operated upon the limb before) wrote that nothing less than another operation was to be thought of. Before leaving he was very much reduced in strength from the severe pain, and probably from the absorbtion into the system from the abscess within the bone. I hope the operation is now safely over. It certainly cannot have been so severe an one as that of three years ago, when the bone was opened from knee to ankle. The trouble this time is in a small spot below that operation. We trust this operation will be final.

The trouble has always recurred whe
his general health was low. He had
been sadly overburdened & worn m
care for a long time, & his fri
have wondered that a break in he
health did not come sooner.
My father and brother, both physicians (n
of California), and other friends, a
vise a long rest, and complete chan
of occupation. No-one can regre
this necessity more than we.
Protests are coming in from our fellow
workers in the field, but we are firm
in our decision. I do hope the Bru
Com. will take steps at once to sup
-ply our field. Mr. and Mrs. Olds are
with me, having come last we
from Chihuahua, at our urgen
request. If no new man can be
sent at once, would it not be wis
to ask them to remain, for the
present at least - or even permane
-ently? This work would certainly
suffer more if left alone, or witho
an ordained missionary, than the Sierra regio
which is more recent & less established
Mr. Olds quite won the hearts of our people whe

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Parral - Chihuahua

here two years ago. & Mrs. Olds wins love & confidence everywhere. He should leave very contentedly our field in their care. In the Mission circle letter just rec'd. Mr. Howland expresses great regret at the decision of the Committee to change himself and Mr. Wright, and the hope also, that things will be permitted to stay as they are, for the present at least. It would seem an impossibility that Mr. Howland take all of Mr. Wright's work and still keep on with the Testigo. I feel constrained to open my heart to you upon this subject. Mr. Case was exceedingly pleased with the work of the T. School, when he was in El Paso, as examining committee this spring. Mr. Wright has given his best strength to the opening & carrying on of the School. While Mr. Howland's superior experience and abilities as a teacher would give a wonderful impetus to the School, he, alone, is not the man to keep these young men together and inspire them with courage & zeal & love as Mr. Wright has done. Mr. Howland is inclined

to be critical & stern, & the young men stand somewhat in awe of him. He & Mr. Wright together would complement each other, and, as we all think make a "perfect team".
The two young men who are working in the Parral field this vacation say. "If Mr. Wright goes to Guadalajara we go there too."

Dear Dr. Clark, I hope you will pardon my frankness in speaking on this subject. I know that Mr. Case would write something in the same way were he able. We greatly sympathize with the officers of the Board at Boston in this time of stringency in funds. May the Lord of all guide in all the complications & difficulties is our prayer.

Yours very cordially.
Myra G. Case

Rec'd Aug. 21st 1894
Answ. Aug. 24th 1894

Matthew A. Crawford

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Hermosillo, Sonora
Jan. 28 1890

Rev. H. L. Clark.

Dear Dr.

Since writing last we have received $400.00 more from Mother and brothers and $90.00 from a friend in Honolulu making in all $490.00 which will bring up the arrear almost to balance. I have little hope of getting more. So all that is to be provided for is the work needed to finish it and the loan of $440.00 from the Board through Mr Humphrey.

Miss Dunham of whom we wrote you has decided to remain at her post but a companion of hers Miss Garlick writes asking for appointment. We wrote her today telling her how she should proceed writing to you giving personal information recommendations &c, which she will do I presume. She is also of Albuquerque

We most sincerely hope that if she proves to be a suitable teacher she may be appointed if possible so as to be on the ground and study a few months before taking full charge which she could well do if coming in March. We would not think it best for any one to come later than March or April on account of the heat that soon follows. We have planned to have the Chapel dedicated by the 2nd Sabbath in March or March 2nd. We would be so glad if you could be here to see and to receive for the Board the little chapel and aid in its dedication. This I think is the first church the Board has had built in this way in Mexico. It gives us real pleasure in seeing it as far along as it is. If you grant the school building would it not be well to have one or two of the Brethren here at the time of dedication to consult and plan for the buildings and see that all is right. Rev. R. T. Listow of Nogales will be here anyway and he could be named as Trustee or

consul with Mr Eaton say, or two of the Chihuahua Brethren. Mr Alexander brother of him who gave us 250.00 is here visiting Mexico and we have had the pleasure of his company more or less all the time. He goes to Guadalajara next week.

We hope Mr Olds may not change his desire to enter this field and that the Board will by all means send him to Mexico. We would hope here to Sonora that Chihuahua may think she has the first claim upon him. By the mission letter just received to day we are a unit in most earnestly praying that Mr Olds may be sent here to Mex. In regard to location of training school I am most decidedly in favor of El Paso Texas rather than Paso del Norte Mex. We are hoping to hear from you soon in regard to the school building. Mrs C joins in best wishes and regards

ever Sincerely
W. A. Crook Ford

Chihuahua Jan. 28-1890
Rec'd Feb. 10

P.S. Feb. 1, 1890.

Dear Dr your letter of Jan 20th just hand
We will forward the note and request you send with such
explanations as may seem best to the Brethren of the Miss-
but it seems clear now that the building can not be commenced
until a year from now so that it will be to rent a house here
& go the expense and fix it up thoroughly for at least two years.
We feel sorry for the same expense would have been a large item
towards the mission school building which would be permanent thing
not for us but for the missionary in charge for we may not live or
may not be here more than a year or so, or we may be here for twenty years
for ourselves but for the work here. So we are not planning
which we are trying to complete. The same as in the church
the letter to the Mission and they will give their opinion and
if it were all done at once & the Board were favorable and the order
given say in March for us to go ahead we could get do something.
But let the Lord direct it all. Sincerely W. A. Le

Hermosillo Sonora

Mar 13 1890

Rev. H. G. Clark D.D.

Dear Dr. Clark.

Yours of Feb 26th was received while the Brethren were here. Many thanks for your encouragement about the school. The Lord disposed the hearts of others to give toward the chapel so the credit is His. I hope the Lady Teacher may be found soon and may begin the study of the Spanish at once so as to be ready to open school in October. We of course will go on as best we can till then but if she was here she could do vastly more towards getting ~~and~~ the language and taking in the situation. The Lord also will dispose in this matter. We have not mentioned now for some time our need (it is an urgent need too) of an other missionary to help us in this big field. We recognize the needs, perhaps superior to ours, of other fields, but the need is urgent now for we will soon be shut out of all the places of any importance in this State & Sinaloa by the M E church S. unless there are reenforcements sent soon to the our aid. They already have Nogales, Guaymas, La Paz, and Mazatlan, including many points intervening which shut us up to this one point along the R.R. and the interior mountain region which is more difficult of access

Mr. Hood I trust may write you upon the subject as he realized at once the situation and its needs. I am very sorry still for the

loss to us of Grayymas. If the other Brethren had realized its importance they would have insisted with me upon retaining it. But the M.E. Ch. has it and is working it well so we must look out for the future.

Mr Case will write you in regard to the ~~dedicate~~ dedication. It was a success. Even Mr Eaton was surprised and pleased. He remarked that they had never had so many of the better families in their church as he saw in this. The Views he gave with his Scioptricon largely disposed the people favorably but even without the exhibition there would have been a good attendance for there was much ~~co~~ curiosity and desire awakened to see the dedication of a Protestant house of worship.

We do not ask for the "Small sum" of which you speak to complete the chapel hoping that sums may yet come in from time to time which we will use for that and for the Bell which we have already ordered from Cincinnati O. A. Blymer Bell. Being of Iron the duties are about half of what it would be on a Metal Bell.

The Brethren wished that the Bell could have been here. They are strongly of the opinion that Bells ~~use~~ will aid largely in the gospel work as the people are so accustomed to their use to be called to worship.

We greatly enjoyed the presence of the Brethren. They brought good cheer and much blessing and I think took away as much as they brought leaving a double portion here.

Mrs C. joins in best wishes

Very Sincerely

M. A. Crawford

Hermosillo, March 13. 1898.
Rec'd March 24.

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Hermosillo Sonora
Apr 22 1890

Rev. F. E. Clark D.D.

Dear Dr

This with very great pleasure we learn of the decission. Your Telegram was forwarded to me at Parral your very welcome letter I received to day upon my return home. My first thought is to sincerely thank you and the W.B.M.U. for such good news. Our one constant prayer will be for Gods blessing upon the plans & execution of them as we go along. Mrs Crawford will send a line to the W.B.M.U. day also. Our Bell is to come here tomorrow. Duties ~~cost~~ are almost 3 times the cost of the Bell. Cost $125.00 Bell $49.00 I have appealed to Mexico for correction or reduction in Duties.

We had the grandest meeting yet in Parral. The work is surely growing. I love to talk to the people; they listen so eagerly and encourage one onto

do his best to teach & help them.
As the Drs advise Mr Case to live in a lower
latitude & as he seemed so much better when
here he now desires to ~~go~~ come over to this
side or coast. He & Mr Eaton will unite you if
I hope it may seem best all around for it
surely seems to be the solution of my desire
prayer for a long time past, viz to enter work
in Sinaloa. If he coved locate say at Culiacan
coved work points above him as Sinaloa Fuerte
Alamos by means of native helpers. That ~~region~~
region includes more population than any other
the North West Mexico; and so far as I can learn
be entered with more hope than the field where
or the Eatons are. But no one has been there to ~~say~~
I say "we think it can." We are as usual
We will begin work as soon as possible upon
the ~~Th~~ school & home but must see about lumber
first. Will write in a few days again
Please excuse so long delay in replying to such good news.

Very Sincerely

M. A. Crawford

Publication Office, Oct. 22 1880

Hermosillo, Sonora,
May 3, 1890.

Rev. N. G. Clark D.D.
Boston Mass

Dear Dr

The Herald has just come and we are sorry to see by it the death of Mr. J. F. Forbes. so that with other changes it looks somewhat discouraging; But the Lord reigneth.
We are sorry too to know of Mr Case's illness again with his sad prospects of the loss of his limb. We are sorry too not to open work in Sinaloa. We hope it may be possible & seem wise to do so yet. I wonder if it turns out that Mr Case can not go, if it would not seem best to the Board to send Mr Bissell up there provided he leaves La Barca where he now is? I was down at Las Minas Prietas last week and have arranged to open services there and go there one Sunday each month until some one is found to go there. The Super. of the mine was friendly and says he will aid in what he can. The collections if we succeed at all, we hope will at least pay in part the expenses of traveling to & from. We opened work on the foundation of school today. It is too late to hope

to finish the building before the rains. we will push on and get up the first story and let it settle well and then in Sept if spared we will go on again & try and finish it before the winter sets in.

I presume we are to draw on Mr Eaton and keep a seperate account of moneys spent in this building.

I notice there is nothing in the Herald about the Dedication. It must be my fault, but I took no charge as the brethren where here planned to write to all the papers and I supposed the Herald too. But as they did not and if not too late I will write a brief account for the benefit of the friends who are waiting to hear of it. Our Bell is here and now we have to wait till the R.R. Co can send us block & tackle, which the Super- kindly offers us. I was surpresed to find in the new catholic tower in Guaymas two of the same Blymer Bells. That we have. There is a 32 in & a 24 in one while ours is a 30 in bell. They like their bells but ours being only a protestant bell will not sound well to them.

Mrs C joins in best wishes. As ever Sincerely

M. A. Crawford

Guaymas, Mex. Oct 3 1882

Rec'd Oct 16

The Dedication.

The 9th of March was the day set for the dedication of the 1st protestant church built in Sonora. Messrs Eaton and Case arrived here on Wednesday ~~and~~ previous and that night we had a good attendance upon the prayer meeting, the first meeting held in the new church. Mr Eaton brought his sciopticon and we hoped to secure a public hall or a school building but were unable to do so and finding ourselves obliged to give the views in the church we issued the circulars in the P.M. of Thurs. (The reason we sought a hall or one of the schools was that we feared ~~in the church~~ the people would not come to the protestant church and we thought to advertise our meetings for Sunday) But we were much mistaken & providence shut up the way & sent us direct to our new church where at 7 o.m. we found the people were not afraid but intended to come. The first night the views were good and the house comfortably full and all were pleased. The second & third nights the people took us by storm & there was not room. The Governor and Mayor & Chief of Police & many other of the leading families were present and all satisfied. The views of the life of Christ were much appreciated and Mr

Eaton had a fine scope to present many & telling truths of the Gospel history.
Each night we hired a band of music to play and as they marched through the street as is the custom, playing the crowds of boy that followed advertised us gloriously, shouting every now & then "long live the protestants" and calling the public attention generally.
Sunday morning at the Dedicatory services Mr Eaton preached and Mr Case assisted us in the service. Bros E. L. Hood of Albuquerque and R. T. Liston of Nogales were present and Mr Hood addressed us through an interpreter and Mr Liston addressed us in the afternoon in English. The house was well filled in the morning and much interest was manifested in the plain statements of truth. In the evening the house was full and more interest as well as much curiosity to see the ceremonies or the administration of the sacraments. There were three old peoples received upon profession and they had witnessed a good profession for several months before the people especially the fanatical ones. The old lady the wife of one of the other two had been sick

for some weeks and was anxious to be received before she should depart for she felt that her time was short. With tears of joy she received the baptism and the supper and said afterward "now I can go in peace". "Oh how I have longed to be received among the disciples of the Lord!" During the administration of the sacraments there was the closest attention and perfect silence even by the small boys at the street door who were looking in. When the invitation was given at the close for those who wished to join, ~~eight~~ seven rose as candidates and one offered herself later.

Thus the day passed, a busy & memorable day for us here, & we trust its influence may reach farther. The old lady of whom we speak a few days later passed away to be received into the multitude that no man can number and to enter into the joys of her Lord. She was firm & ready to go and said she was not going to die but only going away.

The Bishop was very much exercised over the interest the people took in us and the crowds that came out to hear & see. He launched forth his excommunications at every mass and

warned & forbade his hearers at the confession-al to have anything more to do with the protest-ants. He excommunicated every one who attended our services so that the whole town is out with him. The Liberal paper here offered to publish ~~our~~ notices of our services each week for a small sum which we do and there are many signs ~~th~~ which betoken the turning of the people towards the truth.

Our attendance is small in general but the interest is deepening and we can see signs of the coming of a new era.

There was a well to do man came in yesterday and offered himself as a candidate and has hopes of the ministry if he can be received later on. Also two men Indians from a distant town came in on business and are deeply interested in the gospel and are staying with our lay worker learning of the Gospel. Another Indian came in yesterday and got a Bible. This the second he has bought and he is the first of the Yaqui Indians we have been able to get hold of that receives the truth. One by one they are coming. Sincerely yours

H. H. Crawford

Rec'd May 12, 1890

Hermosillo, May. 1890

Nogales Ariz.
July 25 1890

Rev. H G Clark D.D.
No 1 Somerset St Boston

Dear Dr

Your note of the
of July just to hand and
I hasten to write.
We have been here now one
week and the change is good
for us all. We can sleep
here indoors.
The children are all well and
Mrs C. I am nearly over the
effects of the Pleurisy. It still
affects my side and I can
not take full exercise yet.
We left the work of the mission in
the hands of a faithful Mexican

one who has proved him-
self very sincere and effic
thus far.
The work of the school we ho
to suspend and we covere
up the walls with dry b
and so we hope it will be
ready for us to begin u
as soon as the rains a
over. By getting at it so
we may hope to get into th
house by June, or Feb nex
The walls of first story an
about half of second story a
up. If we had the ado
made two weeks wonde
complete the walls rea
for the roof. I wonder
what disposition has
made of the letter we
to Mr Smith in regar
roofing. If we are

put on any patent
roofing we would like to have
it here soon. If we are to
put on the roofing common
the country we would like
know the opinion or rather
decission of the ~~Com~~ Board
regard to the matter.
We wrote last in favor of the
rrugated iron, which in
long run we think much
cheapest and most satis-
tory every way.
We hope that Mr Case
may be on the field at his
th of labor as he anticipates
d if he still wishes to have
lower altitude he will
nd a good point over here.
~~Arizona~~ this state, only
days by stage from here
d likely to have a R. R. soon

A reliable Mexican friend
just returned from there an
says it is cooler, more healt
and a more desirable poin
to live in than Hermosill
and he urged us to pu
mission there right aw
So we hope Mr Case may
sent by the Board if he
still needs to live in a low
altitude; if not we wish
some one might come over
help us in the Amer. or Me

It is encouraging indeed
see the finances of the Boar
ahead of last years and h
the spirit of union & fidel
to the Board increases an
the enthusiasm of missions i

Everything seems encouraging
for a grand good meeting of
the Board this year.
May the Lords richest blessing
rest upon you and all the
members and all who may
be present.
We hope Mr Smith may
advise us soon as to the
roofing of the school building.
We wish also to call attention
to the amount asked for
for the school building. It
was calculated upon the ~~exch~~
exchange at $1.32 % premium
and now the exchange has gone
down to $1.12½ % premium
and likely to go down to
par so there would be need

of adding about 25 o
32 to the $2700.00 asked
for to bring it up to the
original calculation to
meet the actual expenses.
I only wish to call atten
to the point so that I may
not be blamed later on f
exceeding the amount ap
-priated incase it m
be necessary to comple
the school building.

We trust your health
may be much improv
so that you may be st
well for the Boards an
meeting in Oct.
Mrs Cole joins in s
regards

Sincerely y
M. A. Cran

P.S.

We are praying and hoping that the promised Lady Teacher may be sent this fall.

Rev. M. A. Crawford S

Nogales, July 25, 1890.

Rec'd Aug. 1.

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Nogales Arizona
Oct 2d 1890

Rev. H. G. Clark D.D.

Dear Dr

To day we send you some 25 views of our Chapel in hopes that they will reach you in time to have them sold. We are back about $100.00 on the Bell yet and we have just one hundred views which if we can sell it will about clear off the Bell debt. I hope no one will think we are trying to advertise our work. I should be sorry to think so. Our only thought is to clear off the debt and so divided up no one will feel a $ and besides will have a reminder or better a recipt for their money in shape of a church. If not sold please see that they are given to the ladies Miss. Soc. of Chicago where we hope more may be sold. If more are needed we have 75 yet. We hope a teacher may be found for us at Minneapolis this fall.

Wishing you all success and blessing at the meeting and that the Holy Spirit may be there in power. I remain as ever

Very Sincerely
W. H. Crawford

Nogales, Oct 2, 1890.

Dear Doctor Clark

We take pleasure in sending you two canes; one for yourself and one for the President of the meeting, Dr Storrs I presume. It is a Mexican wood called "Palo Prieto", dark wood and comes from "Las Tres Marias" the three Marys just opposite San Blas in the Pacific O. Hence it is holy wood coming from the sacred islands. But aside from that it is a really beautiful & valuable wood. These sticks are not perfect of their kind but as much so as your humble servant could well do with a plane, sand paper and oil varnish. While looking about for something to do to recuperate my nerves, I found this wood down at the big washout on the R.R. near here. I got a piece of it and went to work at the carpenters bench and took from 3 to 4 hours exercise daily. and that for the last 6 weeks. It has been of much benefit physically and also a source of a little profit for the Bell. Yours was chi first I made. The other is from a curly, wavy ~~wood~~ piece very hard to finish. These sticks are split out and I good a good scrub bath rubbing them down. They are not

easily broken and a brush will be of the right length for you to lean upon.

The Pullman Palace Car Co have just discovered the value of this wood to their work & are now shipping it & others to Chicago.

Our prayers & best wishes upon you and the meeting

Sincerely

W. H. Crawford

Negaunee, Oct. 2, '90.

Rec'd Oct. 20.

Mr. Hartshorne,
Care Rolland & Pierce,
Chicago,

The carriage for Mr. Holland was delivered to Prince & Co. Chamberlain Hotel Room, Marquette, Mich. 9/30/91, & was accepted by the undersigned.

Holland
Marquette, Mich. 9/30/91.

Hermosillo Sonora
Oct 31 1890

Rev. N. G. Clark D.D.

Dear Dr

Yours of Oct 22" just to hand and I am sorry you did not get the views &c before leaving home. I send by this mail to your Bro in law Mr Fullerton Esq to know if he has received said article.

You ask about the Building. We are waiting for the iron for the roof. I dont know what the trouble is, I can hear nothing from Mr Smith in regard to it. I wrote him some days, two weeks ago begging him to let us hear at once something about the roofing. I hope to hear from him soon. I wrote him that we can ~~buy~~ buy corrugated iron here at 19 cts per foot which is as cheap as we can import it. It is common, not galvanized iron. It will cost each about 4 cts per pound, .02.5 cts for freight, 02.5 cts for duties & commissions which is just what we can get it here for. If kept painted it will last as long as the other galvanized iron. But if the iron is already ordered

We wish to hear something as soon as possible. The walls are up and the rafters are on in their places. We are making the doors and windows. We beg of you not to let the fall rains come on & ruin the ~~to~~ walls as they now stand, for want of the roof. I would suggest that if the roofing ~~is~~ has not already been sent & on the way, that we buy that already here, so as to run no risks for the rains may come by the middle or last of Nov. tho they usually come in Dec. If such be your decission and your letter or the Shingles is not already sent to us, that you let me know by Telegraph at the earliest moment possible.

Hoping to hear soon I remain and remain sincerely

W. A. Crawford

Recd Nov. 10 1860

Hermosillo Sonora
Nov 11/890

Rev N G Clark

Dear Doctor Clark

A Telegram from Mr Smith today says "Buy your iron roofing in Mexico we will do the best we can now.
Last Thursday night & Friday came a rain, quite a heavy one and did the walls some little damage but if no more rains come we are safe. It came sooner than we expected but coming so soon it is apt to hold off now for two or three weeks. The inclosed letter I send to you to explain why I did not sign the Petition the Brethren sent in asking for a grant for the church in Chihuahua.
You will please return it in your next to me. It went its round in the Mission Circle and has returned so I send it to you that you may know why we did not sign the Petition.
Last Thursday we set out to a town 40 miles distant to open services. We took benches &c and were caught in the rain of two days & arrived with much difficulty but met a good welcome. We will hold services once or twice a month we secured a house and hold it for services. We hope Bro Case may come over here at once

Very sincerely
W. A. Crawford

Durango - Nov. 11 1880

Hermosillo Sonora
Nov 22 1890

Dear Doctor N. G. Clark

Dear Bro.

Your note in regard to the Telegram duly received today. Yes we got the iron and the roof is nearly on now so that if it rains again we can save the walls easily. The iron, freight and all cost us about $200.00. You are glad that exchange has gone up in Mexico. So are we.

We just received a letter from a Miss Newton who applies for our school in Hermosillo. She is teaching now & intends to attend Mr Moody's summer school and be ready to come here next fall. From what we know of her she is the one the field needs and we will be glad to secure such a good helper. I will send you her letter to us that you may see & write to her and to her church if you think it best to do so. Please return her letter to us. We just received word that the things we sent you at the Board meeting have been forwarded.

We are well and very busy. Have opened work in Minas Prietas with some hopes of success.

Mrs C joins in cordial regards

Very sincerely
M. H. Crawford

Hermosillo Nov. 22-1890

Rec'd Dec. 1

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Hermosillo Sonora
Jan 27 1891

Rev. N. G. Clark D. D.

Dear Brother.

We are in receipt of a letter from Miss Mary A. Newton in which she infers that you have written us in regard to her and her application for teacher for Sonora. We feel very much disappointed for from the recommendations sent us we thought there could be no objection to her. It must be something we did not know of that caused the committee to reject her. She still shows a most excellent spirit of resignation for she has been and still is very desirous to go to the foreign field but will be content to work away in her home field until an opening comes & a call from the Lord.

We certainly feel disappointed and anxious for we wish a school. Mrs C will not be able to assist much in one with the help we have. most of the time none at all and not possible to find any.

Then if we do not open school in the new building we will be required to pay taxes upon it. Then too we have promised school to so many and they are waiting disappointed in us that we do not keep our promise
We must sincerely hope some one may be commissioned & be in preparation for next Fall.
Our building goes on. We will move into it next week although it is not near finished yet; but the owner of this has warned us out and as our time is up can not hold it longer. We will do the best we can
The costs are yet within the appropriation but will hardly do all we need to finish it. There is a matter ~~as~~ overlooked in the Estimates, namely, a porch or corridor which will be necessary in summer. I dont know what to do about it. It will cost about $30.00 at the very least probably $40.00 and yet there there is no provision for it, and we need it almost as much as a house itself in hot weather.
The finances of the Board are

(over)

are in such a condition that we can hardly hope to get any more. Where to look for it I do not know. If you know of any way or can suggest some way to find the $ required amount we will be glad.

Mr & Mrs Bissell are here. I will have him look over things and act as auditor & report to you his impressions &c as well as upon the need of the porch & its cost.

I hope all is well and your health good. I was very sad in the extreme in regard to the work on Ponape. One feels like uniting with the prayer Oh Lord forget not Spain, with her injustice & cruelty

Spain has no right to those islands. They are ours by all rights & justice and we should hold them.

Very sincerely
W. A. Crawford

Rec'd Feb 7 1883

Hermosillo Sonora.
Mar 7 1891.

Rev. N. G. Clark D.D.

Dear Dr. Clark

Yours of the 19th Feb was duly received. I must gladly give you the items you ask for. We have but a few days ago returned from our tour to the South & Mr Bissell is here yet but hopes to get ready to go soon. We have moved into the new house and find it such a change & comfort now that the March winds have commenced. I can sit down and write & not be covered with dust.

1 The chapel and its expenses. I give it in mex dol.

The whole amount raised from all sources	$4377.14
Then the amount paid by Dr S J Humphrey.	536.12
(that is 412.40 at 5.30 % premium equals 536.12)	
The whole amount paid out for Chapel & Bell	4903.85

Leaving a balance of $526.71 being less somewhat than the $412.40 or $536.12 mex dol

Cost of bell $1532.29. Cost of Bell $197.32 making actual cost of church $3174.24

Amount given by our own relatives	2968.13
The largest gift by relatives.	1040.00

45 different individuals contributed

The largest sum given outside of relations by
by personal friends was Mr S.T.A. $325.00
22 churches and societies contributed varying
in sums from .62 cts up to $156.00. (Congl S S
in Honolulu S.I. was the latter).
About 30 R. Road Boys here have given in sums
from 1.00 up to $20.00 about 50 Mexicans have
given varying from .03 cts up to $2.50 and some
have given work to the value of several dollars &
one in particular to the amount of 50 or $100.00.
We only raised about 30 odd dollars in a
mining camp. Many who promised and
especially he who promised up to $100.00 & signed
his name for 100.00 to begin with never gave a cent.
You will see then that there is no indebtedness upon
the church excepting most of the amount paid by
Dr S. J. Humphrey. But when you consider that
the rent of one year was $480.00, and as our work
increased the rents would have been greatly increased,
you will see that the amount was nearly all saved last year for it
is a year ago that we began using the chapel.
We have raised much more than we expected and
yet other sums may come in. Money comes
in such cases, as the widows oil increased.
You will indicate what is to be done about the

Balance thus due upon the Chapel viz $526.71 or reduced to gold $405.16.

2 The Boarding School account we also use Mexican Silver for convenience which can be reduced to Gold dividing by rate of exchange $1.32 6/8
The whole amount granted in Mex dol $3565.00
Whole amount expended to Feb 28. 3584.59
less amounts for lumber used, & that purchased, for Church and school benches & desks and for the fence in front of church and school 138.78 and gifts from Franklin Iowa $6.00 and $23.50 received here from Eng. Class making a total of 168.28
Thus there is a balance of 148.69 to be expended.
There is also about $120.00 worth of lumber on hand. The extra lumber comes from a change in the plan; viz putting on iron instead of dirt roof as we at first thought of. But the lumber is as good as cash.
The upstairs is yet to ceil, the house to plaster outside and the porch to finish off.
The $148.00 will ceil the upstairs and the lumber over will go towards the porch
It will require, at lowest calculation, to

plaster it $350.00 and $200.00 more to put on the porch, with the lumber already on hand. Then there is the out house ~~and~~ the shed for horse and we have a light Buck Board to tour with which needs to be kept in the shade in the hot weather.
The Privy or out house we have already built as we had to do so at a cost of $51.50 It will require something ~~to~~ like the same to put up a shed for horse & buggy.
To finish it up, we could plaster it with what we have on hand leaving the ceiling and the porch to be put up and the outhouse & shed to be provided for. I have put the item of 51.50 for "Comun" or outhouse in to the Mission Quarterly Report to be reported last of this month.
That and the horse shed should necessarily I think, be reported there as items of expense of the mission & so not come in to the school building account. I simply mention them in this connection so as to include all items up to date. Your Committee must be considerate of our inexperience. I knew nothing of planning & building alone until we undertook the church; & if in planning for the school (Mr Eaton & Mr

case went over the estimates with me) we have overestimated or underestimated and failed to include some items to be needed you must lay it to inexperience rather than to lack of judgement. At any rate we have done the best we could and think that we here are as deeply interested in the work & its completion as you are at home.

Supposing we had no church or school the rent in round numbers would be about 500.00 which in ten years would be a sum much larger than has been given, and besides there would be nothing at the end of the time to show for it.

The inclosed sheet will show in brief the statement & the other will serve as explanation. In case of the chapel divide or multiply by $1.30 per ch. and in case of the school by $1.32 per ch as these were the ruling rates at the time of operation.

I must sincerely hope your committee will see their way clear to send us the needed & long promised teacher & grant us the remainder needed to finish here before the rains this summer and that you will excuse this long letter.

Yours in sincere regards

Very respectfully

W. A. Crawford

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The last check may be given to Mr L. S. Ward if so thought best. If he wishes an itemized account before the building is finished please let me know.

Hermosillo Sonora
Mar 13 1891

Rev. H. G. Clark D.D.
No 1 Somerset St Boston

Dear Doctor

I did not say all I wished to say in the former brief letter. I wished to thank you for your response in regard to a piano. There was a point stated in the notice in the Advance viz that Pianos & organs for missionaries are admitted free of duty. We know of no such privilege accorded to us & will be glad indeed for the authority or law in regard to it so as to avail ourselves of any favor the shown by the Mex. Government. Will you please let us know.

Yes Mrs C. does feel badly about the very sad state of affairs in Ponape. You say Providence will bring some good out of it all. Yes but He has left it to the Amer people in General & the Amer Board in particular to watch the interests & defend the rights of that poor helpless people so lately brought out of darkness into the light & peace of the gospel. Can not more

be done? Is there a committee in Washington making the facts known & felt by the heads of the nation. It seems to me that something tangible can be done. Besides the indemnity I think the U.S. Gov. can justly insist upon their subjects rights & the establishing of the former state of affairs and short of that can not the peace & independence of those Islands be bought for a reasonable sum by our Gov. A committee of the Amer Board would have great weight with the Government in securing some just & equitable basis of settlement without further blood shed which means the utter extinction of the people & the blotting out of our work there for the past 40 years

Providence I am sure is waiting to help those poor people but He wants to use the Christian people & especially the Amer Board as his instrument in bringing it about.

That word Roman, Romish whether in Spain or Mexico or in the U.S.A has in it the expression of all that is cruel, heartless, fiendish, letting the end justify the means.

Mr Bissell and family are ~~still~~ still here but going now in a few days. He seems to be headed for El Fuerte instead of Culiacan.

We are as usual well and waiting for the teacher.

Very sincerely

M. A. Crawford

Mr. Bissell
Alamogordo
Mar 13/89

Hermosillo Sonora
Mar 21 1891

Rev H G Clark D.D.

Dear Dr Clark

The inclosed will explain itself. We write to her this same mail referring her to you requesting her to write you. If she shall prove to be the right one and can come right away how very fortunate for the work that she has the experience & the language. It would not be too late to open school say by the first or middle of April. As she is there so near it need not take long to investigate &c.

Expecting a speedy reply of some kind we remain as ever

Most sincerely
H. H. Crawford

P.S. We should open school soon or they may turn round & tax the building. as a school it is free but merely as a dwelling it is taxable.
Will you please return the letter of Miss A E Lander.

Hermosillo Mch 21. 1891.

Recd. Mch 31. 1891.

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Hermosillo Sonora
April 13 1891

Rev H. G. Clark.
No 1 Somerset St Boston

Dear Doctor

We were very sorry indeed to learn through Dr Alden the sad bereavement. But we know that there is One who comforteth where words are cold and human sympathy is unavailing. Then too your words & sympathy have cheered & consoled & encouraged many afflicted and weary ones & now you may rest assured of their sorrow & sympathy in your affliction.

May the Lord bless it to you & give you to see this hand of mercy & kindness in it all.

Mrs C joins with me

Very sincerely
H. A. Crawford

Rec'd april 21

Hermosillo Sonora

April 25 1891

Rev. R. G. Clark D.D.

No 1 Somerset St Boston

Dear Dr Clark.

Your kind letter of the 15th made us feel truly grateful to you again and to the friends who consider our cause. We trust you will not have cause to regret it. We much sincerely appreciate your consideration in this matter and wish you to convey our hearty thanks to the Prud. Com. We will do the best we can.

We are very glad too, in regard to the Teacher. Yes it is hardly wise to come at this season to open school, as school closes in June; and the heat might prove too great for her. We hope & recommend that she begin the study of the language at once. If it were not for incurring additional expense we would think it a good plan for her to come to Nogales or may be to El Paso or any where agreeable to her to begin the study of the language where she would hear it spoken & could shut herself up to the language in good earnest & be

Tennessee Home

April 27 1891

Gen. J. L. Lee & Co.

Nashville Tenn.

Dear Sirs.

Your card telling of the death of your friend was received. I do not know what arrangements have been made for the burial of your friend, but if there is any thing we can do for you we will be very glad to do it. Please let us know.

We are very glad to see signs of the times. Health is finally prevailing and the season after so far as we had observed is favorable. We hope it will have it spread for the.

We also recommend that the Tennessee Central Company where. We are not for measuring additional offices for world. Think it good plan for the it come to Tennessee. If the Gen or any other officers of the C. T. Company will encourage the world have to be our friend that they will be the Company in good encourage the

the Spanish but could gain valuable experience with
Bro: Wright in the school there which would help her
in organizing her work here.

With best wishes we remain

Sincerely yours

M. A. Crawford

Hermosillo Sonora

April 27 1891

Sen. J. A. Tiel & Co.

Interested Old Friends

Dear Sirs:

Your Kind letter

of the 17th ult. was duly received & I am glad to hear that you will attend to my business. I have received quite a number of letters from parties in this vicinity and would say I know nothing of Henry Gonzalez. Henry Gonzalez left my employ some time before I left Sonora. He was very plausible in regard to his business. He said he had some money coming to him. He left Sonora owing for his board & I have not seen him since.

Yours truly

J. A. Tiel

P.S. Please write me at Hermosillo Sonora.

ready to open school in Sept. or Oct. next.
So that if she can possibly apply herself to the study of the Spanish now she would be able to take entire charge with some degree of assurance.
We are very glad indeed that a teacher is found and we are praying that she may be the one that Providence directs here for then she will succeed. The little garden at the rear of the chapel & school, 100 x 120 feet sq. is a real treasure.
We rent it out and get all the vegetables we need & sell a few, so that is something. We set it out with young orange trees at our own expense hoping that the rent of the garden in a year or two will pay for them. They are nearly all in bloom & will bear some oranges this year.
We are enjoying Peas, string beans, summer squash cabbage &c &c now every day; so you can see it is warm already. The first ripe figs will be ready next month. Watermelons are ripe also, that is the first of them.
Mrs Crawford of course joins in her thanks of gratitude and we enjoy reading the 103 Ps.
She & the children have been sick with the "Grippe" but are recovering some what. It is not so fatal here as in the states. Mrs C thinks it would be a good plan if the Teacher for this place could come as far as El Paso and study Spanish that there she would not only have the advantage of hearing the

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It has if this can be reasonably called nearly 6 the actually of the Dominion Now this would be 6 the actual change a little more than 4 of a century.

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Hermosillo Sonora
Oct 17 1891

Dr. N. G. Clark D.D.

Dear Brother.

Your welcome letter came duly to hand. We should have written some time ago but were expecting you to write & announce the new Teacher and so we waited from day to day for these two months & now comes the final, no Teacher. A day after receiving yours word came from Mrs Sturges saying Julia could not come, the reasons Mrs S will have written you. It was the blurest day I have passed for over a year. I began to feel that D Providence had some reason for denying it and what could the reasons be we could not tell. The next day after much prayer & thought Mrs C went out to call upon a Miss Remley who is here in the Express office with her Bro. She has taught considerable in Kan. City, is well liked, pleasant, a good christian, and now consents to teach two or three hours a day. So the way seems open and we rejoice. She will assist Mrs Crawford as an assistant and her expenses will only

be the amount set apart during the year for the assistant viz $20.00 per month; unless you think best to give her more. If she proves to be a desirable teacher for this place it might be well to try & secure her permanently. We will open ~~school~~ school Nov 2nd D.V. permitting.

Mrs Cravenford will do the best she can but how much school work would you expect a woman to do with three small children and another 2 months old in her arms? I don't think you expect much and I am quite sure she can not do much, especially when her house help is only a Mexican girl who only knows to cook &c in Mexican style. We are anxious for the work to go on & will do the best we can and hope that a teacher may be secured soon so that she may begin the study of the language & be ready to open school one year from the first of this month. We trust good health may be granted you and a good meeting of the Board this year.

Very Sincerely
M. A. Cravenford

Hermosillo, Mex.
Rec'd Oct. 26, 1891.
Oct. 17, 1891.
Mrs. Cravenford

Hermosillo Sonora
Nov 20 1891

Rev N. G. Clark
No 1 Somerset St Boston

Dear Doctor

We have not written you since school opened. It has been opened since the 3rd and we have only 15 pupils as yet but more are coming and many have promised. Miss Remley is doing very well indeed. Mrs Crawford & She manage it between them very nicely; But there is this difficulty that when one of the household falls sick or any other contingency Mrs C must be absent and will make a break in the school, which of course is fatal to its success & usefullness. We hope nothing may happen to interrupt.

Mrs Hurgez is here and enjoying the mild winter. She is quite feeble but has plenty of will power.

We are sorely in need of another helper here. The work in Las Pretas is quite encouraging and our helper Guzman is doing well; but there are three towns of about the same size, from 1200 to 2000 souls, near there & all near each other which are ready for and anxious to get a preacher to teach the gospel.

We have ~~two~~ no one here suitable for the work and yet can not but feel anxious to have the word preached to them that are ready to hear.

The union of the two missions is a good move. The ~~op~~ appointing of a new man for Juarez is much needed and I hope he may be found ~~to~~ and ~~send~~ soon, at least by the beginning of 1892. If so the mission paper "El Testigo" can be transferred and the new outfit ordered at same time & thus the work go on with out scarcely any interruption. The New man & Mr Wright, by interchange of work could easily manage it all, even at the start. It was gratifying to read the report of the Board meeting this year. The keynote sounded this year has a very different effect upon from that of last year. The Lords Hosts are moving forward and it inspires courage and zeal in us all.

May this be the best years work of all the years of your busy life as Sec of the Board.

Very sincerely yours
W. A. Crawford

Robinsville, Nov. 20, 1891
Recd Nov. 27
Miss Bailey

Hermosillo Sonora,
Dec. 7, 1891.

Rev. R. G. Clark. D.D.

Dear Bro.

Yours of Nov 27 just to hand asking about the Teacher Miss Remley.
If you will refer to a letter of Oct 17 from us it will explain who she is and how much she is receiving as she is only an assistant, not able to devote more than half of her time to school work. Should she for any reason have to leave or be unable to continue it would leave the entire charge of the school with Mrs Crawford and in such a case she ~~wo~~ could only suspend as she could not possibly carry it on alone together with household cares. We earnestly hope the Teacher Mrs Sturges last ~~wrote~~ written about, may be the right one & may be appointed; or if not she, some other lady; as ~~it~~ we ~~wo~~ would be exceedingly sorry to have to suspend the school now.
We are hoping to hear soon in regard to her.

I am surprised to learn that neither the Western nor Northern Mission had been consulted about the proposed union of the two missions. It seems a rather strange proceeding that I do not think could have

been intended. It seems to me a wise move. The next move for the progress and more rapid development of the work would be the appointing of a Superintendent whose work it would be to organize, hold meeting and stimulate the different fields & workers in general. A work similar to the Superintendents on the Home Mission Fields & of the Bishops of the M.E. Church. This is an important and much need work, and would contribute largely to the better organization and more gratifying results.

Mrs Crawford & Mrs Sturges join in best wishes.

Very sincerely yours
M. V. Crawford

We have 20 pupils enrolled and expect more soon. We may open a night school also for some who cannot come by day & to study English also.

M. a Crawford
Hermosillo —
Dec. 7 1891

Hermosillo Sonora
Feb 19 1892

Rev. F. G. Clark. D.D.
No 1 Somerset St Boston.

Dear Sir

Yours just to hand. many thanks for the same. Mr Ward will report the item for school to Mr Eaton & he to us in its course.

Things are about the same here. The children are all down with the Grippe but not seriously. The cold has passed and the days are growing warmer.

We are disappointed that no teacher is found for this field. If no teacher is sent we cannot think of opening school again in Sept. Miss Remley will not be here and Mrs Crawford can not think of doing the work alone. No woman with a family can teach school do justice to her children or to the school and it would be folly for her to attempt it another year. There are applications for boarders in the school now but we can not take them; there is no one to care for them. Does Providence not mean to give a teacher or is it that she has not been sought for in real earnest? We agree with you in what you said in a former letter about the getting the "right one"

W. a. Crawford

Hermosillo 2 Feb. 1902

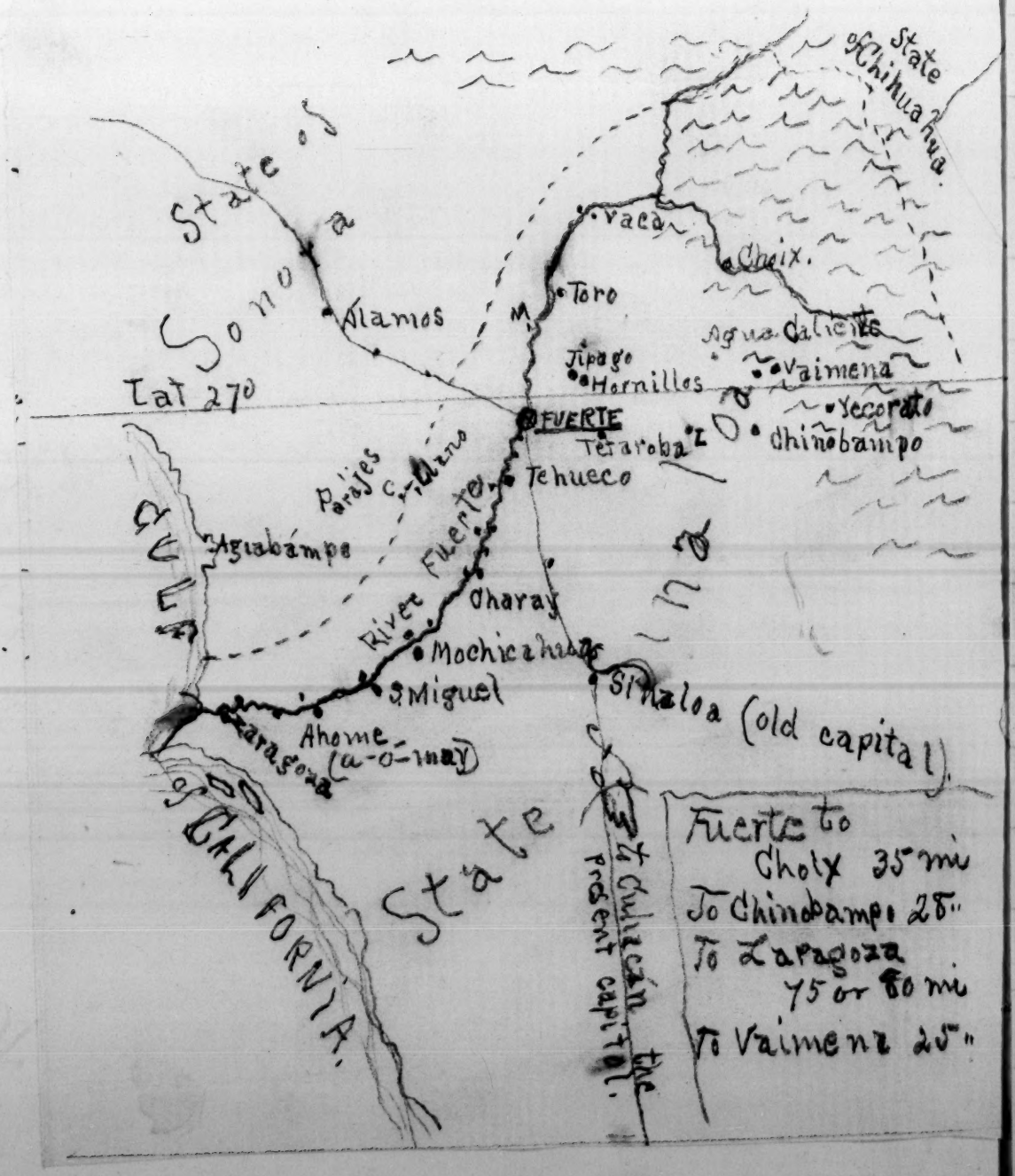
but it may not be her fault that she is not found. If it is important to hold this field at all it seems to us very important that a permanent Teacher be here as soon as may be possible. We would be sorry to have the work go back. We can not think that you are any less interested in the work here than we are; but we know also that so far removed you can not feel the interest in this particular field that we do or that you even would, could you know the field personally or through some one of the Secretaries.

I had hoped Dr. Webb would visit this side, as I was told, he intended visiting the Mexican Missions. But I presume he has returned East from a notice I read of his visit in San Fran—

Mrs Sturges enjoys the climate here. She keeps as well as usual; but her health is, well she has not got any. She must have left that in Micronesia. She is cheerful and hopeful and so bears up well, especially for one of her age.

The Mrs C joins with me in best wishes as ever Very sincerely

M. A. Crawford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Hermosillo Sonora
Mar 7 1892

Rev. E. K. Alden.

Dear Brother.

I gather from your letter that Dr. Clark is not there at present, hence your reply to Mrs Sturges letter in regard to the teacher. The reasons are very satisfactory. We are sorry that she did not prove to be right one.

What are we to do about school. This Miss Remley is only here till June and then what? Do you blame us for being anxious a little and discouraged a good deal.

Dr. E. B. Webb is to visit the Boards missions I am told. Is he sent out by the Board at their charges or does he come of his own accord & at his own charges? We would like to know so as to know whether to expect him or not for we wish him to come if possible. I trust you may soon find the teacher needed. I say "needed" we think she is needed but may be the Lord does not think so, for He generally gives what is needed although it is not always what is desired or wanted.

With best wishes & regards to Dr Clark yourself I am very Sincerely

W. A. Crawford

Rec. Mar 16 92

Lady teacher wanted, also do,

Hermosillo Sonora
April 7 1892

Rev. N. G. Clark D.D.

Dear Dr

Yours of Mar 18th received last week and we are very glad to think of one who may be secured for this work, especially one of such qualifications we hope she may come soon. The present teacher or assistant Miss Remley is planning to go east first of June. We want her to remain longer but she seems to think that she can not so that will necessitate the closing of school a month earlier unless the new teacher can be on hand before that time and be studying. She cared pass the first hot summer in Nogales with Mrs Crawford and so would not feel the heat much. There have been two young ladies written in regard to coming here and we wrote them and requested them to write to you and make application and send recommendations &c. We do not know that they will make further application.

The school keeps along very well. There are about 21 pupils in all, and we have three boarders. We felt almost compelled to admit them and

they are getting along very well. Two of them are paying their own way or nearly so.

This one year now since we moved into this new building and it has been a very great comfort to us in very many ways. We enjoy it ~~very~~ & feel that this home, and that what is done in repairs &c is not for some body else to come in and raise the rent upon us or put us out which is worse.

Dr Webb, we were sorry could not come down and see the field and work but some other time, he or some one else may come; as I think it should be the aim to visit the different stations as often as possible, when they are accessible. I remember noticing the good influence that such visits had upon the native brethren while we were in Chimalma.

We will hope to hear good news soon of a coming teacher.

Mrs C joins in kind regards

Very sincerely

M. A. Crawford

Hermosillo –

Sept. 7. 1892

Hermosillo Sonora
April 26 1892

Rev. N. G. Clark D.D.
No. 1, Somerset St Boston

Dear Sir

Your kind note of the 15th just to hand.

In regard to the Conference I was not permitted to attend this year and consequently I have nothing to report. All that we know of it, is from the copy of the minutes. Our little boy was taken seriously ill a few days before the Conference. All are well again. The school goes on as usual. There are two boarders only, now. Two American girls.

Our Teacher goes way the first week in June; and we can not persuade her to remain longer. This too bad to close so early, but it can not be helped, as there is no one else to help. Mrs Sturges has returned to Cal. Left about the 15th of this month.

Mrs Crawford joins in best wishes

Very Sincerely
M. A. Crawford

April 26. 1892

Hermosillo
May 28 1892

Rev. N. G. Clark, D.D.

Dear Sir

Things are moving along as usual. Our Teacher goes away next week Saturday and so School will have to close Friday. The number has kept up to the end with better promise of good opening next year. If there is a good teacher we are sure of a good increase for next year.

Our little boy 3 of three years was taken down suddenly with lung fever 16 days ago and is hardly convalescing yet. Although we think him out of danger.

Mrs. C. & I have been busy and anxious night and day, as we sat up with him.

We feel it will be necessary to remove him north to rally, as in this heat he will not grow strong. We hear nothing more of the long expected teacher. We hope she is found and under consideration. There is only four months until school will open again.

Mrs Crawford joins in best wishes

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Very sincerely yours
W. H. Crawford

Bernardillo, N. Mex. May 28, 1892.
Recd June 6, 1892.

Hermosillo
June 1 1892

Rev. N. G. Clark D.D.
No 1 Somerset St. Boston Mass

Dear Sir

I write again to say that a Miss Ellen A. Vinton has written about her desire to enter the work & come here. She lives near there in Southbridge Mass.

She said she intended to see you soon.

We sincerely hope some one can come for the opening of the year in Sept.

We are advised that the Baptists are coming here this year. Should they come in soon and see how things are they will soon put a Teacher in here & take advantage of the circumstances.

Our little boy 3 years old lies still very sick. The 21st day and no relief yet. The lung fever has passed to the second stage & is solid or hepatized. There is no change in it. This either an obstinate case or more probably the Dr. does not know how to treat it. They know how to run up a bill. He has blistered the little sufferer till he is about worn out with the

excruciating pain. There must be a change soon for the better or for worse. Mrs. C. and myself are at his bedside night and day.

It has not been possible for her to be in school since he took sick. The school as we took before closes this week as the teacher goes away this week or next to the states.

Mrs joins in best regards.

Very sincerely

M. A. Crawford

Cermosillo June 1. 1892.

Recd June 8. 1892.

Ellen A. Winston
called for receipt to
offer herself — mother
unwilling —

Hermosillo Sonora
June 9 1892

Rev. N. G. Clark D.D.

Dear Sir

Yours of May 23rd came a day or two after we had written you. To day we write again to say that our little boy is slowly convalescing. This is four weeks today and his lung is yet solidified but slowly dissolving. He has boarded up well and would soon rally if his lung could only clear itself. The Dr says we should take him away, that a change may restore him quickly. That if he remains here he may linger along months, and never get up strong again.

We will go to Nogales or may be to Pomona Cal. near where our people are, as they left Ill. & went there last year. As soon as he is able to be around some I hope to come back to this work here and leave Mrs C. with the children there until Oct. or middle of Sept. She wishes to be here to open school again.

We hope the Teacher may be studying and ready for that time. I would like to be present at the Meeting of the Board in Chicago this coming fall but it comes at a time when we are busiest and opening for the year. It will be the grandest meeting in its history.

Mrs C joins in best wishes

Very sincerely

M. H. Crawford

June 9 1892

Hermosillo —

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Pomona Cal
July 12 1892

Rev. N. G. Clark

Dear Dr

We have been here for some two weeks with our sick boy. who took sick with lung fever in May
The change to this place has proved very beneficial and he is slowly gaining. He is still in bed but able to be up, i.e. sit up part of the time.
It was a very serious case and very rare for a child and especially one so young. We have had good medical assistance but nothing more could be done.
The lung became solidified from the first and is very slow to absorb. The climate here is favorable and the boy is gaining slowly. We are with him night and day but hope in a few weeks that he may be able to be on his feet again. I can not leave him till he is able to be up and walking around, at least. I am sorry to be absent from the field and hope to return as soon as possible.
We have heard nothing about a teacher for some time now.
Mrs C. joins in best regards
Very sincerely
M. A. Crawford

Mr. A. Crawford
Pomona. Cal.
July 12 1892
Rec'd July 19

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AMERICAN HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY,
Department, New Mexico and Arizona.
REV. E. LYMAN HOOD, Supt. ALBUQUERQUE ,NEW MEXICO

Dear Bro.Crawford, July 5',1892.

A young lady,I have known for some time is very anxious to enter the Mexican work..She is young, strong, in good health,quick to learn and of a pleasant disposition.

I was in hopes she could find work in one of our New West schools,---but it is now doubtful,---as all places seem to be filled...I therefore write to ask you if you are still seeking a teacher. She would be able to go at once.

Pomona Cal
July 18 1892

Rev. N. G. Clark
No 1 Somerset St Boston

Dear Dr

Yours of June 23rd was forwarded to us here with some delay, so that it did not reach us till last week. I inclose a note from Rev Mr Hood which you can use or not as seems best. I will reply to Mr Hood stating that we have sent his note on to you for your disposal. I am very glad the Teacher is found. She ought to be in Nogales by the 10th of Sept or a week earlier if possible. We will hope to be there by that time. It seems rather trying to us at present. The little boy, at times, seems no better. He is not without fever and his left lung is still solidified, and so far has resisted all treatment. We still have some hope that it will absorb and he will come round all right in a month or two more. The Dr. gives no assurance further than that he hopes it will be all right with him.

The climate here, at Beaumont, where we are for a week or two in a high altitude is cool and dry and the Dr. hopes will be very beneficial for him.

Providence has been very kind and favored us in every way, all the way along.

Mrs C. joins in best wishes

Sincerely yours

W. A. Crawford

July, 1892

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Pomona Cal
Aug 9 1892

Rev. N. G. Clark
No 1 Somerset St Boston

Dear Doctor

Your last letter saying that the Lady is not coming finds us here in Los Angeles at the Hospital with our boy. We found after two & ½ months doctoring that the boys suffering & all the expenses were for naught. The boy did not have what the Drs supposed and now they have operated upon him for Pleuratic Effusion and had to open his side, cut out a piece of one of his ribs and removed about half a gal. of pus. How the poor little fellow suffered. but since the operation his fever has left him almost and he seems to be gaining in health. Of course the Drs can not tell to what extent ~~to~~ the Lung was involved or if any; but most probably some what. His recovery, if he recovers at all, will require months. I hope to return to Sonora in a few weeks or as soon as I can leave him, and Mrs Crawford can remain here until the first of Oct.; as it would not be wise to take the sick boy back into the heat.

Our expenses have been quite heavy, especially since silver is only worth sixty six & 2/3 cts on the $ and from that to 68 cts. It would not be so bad if we did not have to turn our money into U.S.A. gold. We will only be here a few days more we hope. We had a good surgeon and are in a good Hospital. But strange ~~to~~ say we are in the ~~Sisters~~ Sisters Hospital. (Roman Cath.) They are very kind and the rooms are pleasant. They know who we are, but it does not seem to make any difference. There is no other real Hospital here. Those they call such were all full when we came here so we could not well help ourselves. But we are glad we come. We will return to Pomona last of this week we hope and there remain till we return to Mexico.

We are sorry the other Lady could not be sent but hope the one in view may be secured for the field. We will be on hand and ready for her.

Mrs C joins in best wishes

Very sincerely

M. A. Crawford

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Hermosillo —

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Pomona Cal
Sept 5 1892

Rev. N. G. Clark D.D.
No 1 Somerset St Boston

Dear Dr.

We have been detained here longer than we expected. The Dr requests us to remain at least a week or ten days longer ~~more~~ under his care. We are anxious to get back to our field of work again.

The little boy is again walking around and may entirely recover. We hope so at least.

The wound is not healed up yet.

We hear nothing of a teacher to go back with us. We write now to say that there is a lady about 30 or 35 years, a school teacher and in good health who will go back with us for the year and will probably offer herself as a permanent teacher, if the Board would so desire & would be what they need. At any rate she will go for the year for the monthly rate of 40.00 U.S. per month and her expenses to the field i.e. to Hermosillo from here, and if she was to be appointed as Teacher would expect, I presume the salary

of regularly appointed teachers. We are personally acquainted with her and know her to be a reliable & competent young woman and we would very much desire to have her go at least for the year or until a regular teacher is sent. What she asks is of course small compared with wages paid school teachers here.

If you have not a teacher in hand we hope this offer may meet with acceptance and if so if you could let us know as early as possible that she could be ready and return with us from here.

I thought that a Telegram would save six or eight days to us, as it requires that time for a letter to reach us from Rash.

We will be here ten days or two weeks yet before we can probably start back and she could come with us & would save time (& money at the Custom House for her).

We dislike the thought of returning to the field without a teacher, and we hope we shall not.

Hoping for a favorable reply we are as ever

Most respectfully yours

M. A. Brown Ford

Pomona Sept. 5. 1892.

Recd Sept. 12. 1892.

Pomona Cal

Rev. N. G. Clark D.D. Sept 19 1892

Dear Dr

Your letter of the 12th just received to day. We are very glad to be at rest from anxiety in regard to the teacher. We are thankful that you could send us word so soon. We appreciate it. The news was sent out at once to our field, Hermosillo. Miss Wetmore began studying and is now getting ready. We hope to start next Tuesday and will be on our field about the time you receive this. Our little boy has been freed from the daily care for about one week. He eats & sleeps well and is running about happily. The wound will soon be well and we feel safe in returning as the Dr. thinks there is no immediate danger unless he should catch cold, which we hope he may not. Mrs Crawford joins in thanks for your kind interest in our little boy. We hope for a grand good

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meeting of the Board in Chicago; and that you may be spared in good health for the occasion.

Mrs C. joins in best ~~best~~ wishes

Sincerely yours

W. A. Cranford

Sept. 19, 92

Recd Sept. 21.

Hermosillo Sonora
Nov 4 1892

Rev. H. G. Clark

Dear Dr

This now some time since we returned and are at work again as usual. The school opened the 1st of Oct. The new teacher is getting along well in the study of the language. She can read some and pronounce quite well for one so recently on the field; but several of the scholars left because we had no teacher who could speak and understand the language. You can see what a serious draw back it is to the organized work of a year previous. School opened with only five on the roll, and not likely to increase till the teacher can speak & understand Spanish. I wish the matter could be settled soon in regard to a permanent teacher. I should be sorry to have the years work lost again if the present teacher should not be appointed and no other be here before the end of the year to study and be ready to assume control & be able to speak some Spanish. I wish to be advised

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as to whether you expect this teacher to make application for permanent teacher or is the Lady teacher to come who was spoken of but held over for further study. We are anxious that there shall be no break in the work next year.

"~~The Bible Agent Mr. Bleakly~~ He has had great success in the sale of Bibles in this state and in Lower Cal. The hand of the Lord has been with him in several instances delivering him from plots to take his life as well as in opening ~~and in a very marked way~~ in giving for the acceptance of the Word. Numberless cases could be given showing the eagerness of the people for the Bible. ~~e.g.~~ One woman ~~goes~~ went out and pawned her flat iron to get one; another ~~runs~~ ran out and borrowed the money; another ~~takes~~ took the money for the daily bread of the children herself and said, "We can eat beans, frijoles today and will only eat once" and with the money got the Bible, kissing it as she took it into her hands. ~~and with such~~ with eager delight. One day Mr Bleakly presented the Bible to a woman going for her supply of water, which he had to buy for the day. six cents worth. She begged for a Bible and offered the half of the water supply saying she could save up and drink less today.

"There is such a hungering and thirsting for the

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word of life. During the last year I have ordered & delivered him over 2000 copies of the scriptures mostly Bibles, besides thousands of pages of tracts and many Tract Soc. Books. This was the only place where he had no success. He had met no place in all his work so fanatical as ~~Hermosillo~~ this!

We secured a scripture cart last summer and we hope by the aid of it to interest and draw in some. Our first efforts was a success. But we have only a few views and need more. Views of the Bible and Bible truths.

Our little boy is seemingly quite well and over the sickness of last summer; but it has left him somewhat effected with the liability to Effusion as before; but we hope that by good care he may be spared any further trouble and never be subjected to such a dangerous and trying operation again.

The rest are all well. Our oldest now seven years is beginning to play the Organ but as you are aware our organist has been used in the church service ever since we entered the work. We have not had one in our home, that is for our private use. Now that our little

~~little~~ girl begins to play we would like to have one for her use and also for the use of those who come to study music. Heretofore they have all practised in the church on the organ there, but this often inconvenient to go there with them and impracticable to leave them there alone.

We spoke of getting a piano, we paying the difference between its price and that of the organ here, leaving this for the use of the church.

Perhaps it may not be practicable at present but if so you will please to let us know something upon the matter when you write.

We spoke last year of finding a second hand one in good condition that would answer the purpose quite as well as a new one.

But what I say of the Piano is a side issue, we have gotten along ten years this way & can do so longer; but the matter of Teacher is all important. We pray that it may not fail to be arranged in such a way that the school work may go forward from this on. It takes time to build up a school under the most favorable circumstances and we trust this one may have no more back sets.

Mrs C joins in best regards as ever

Very sincerely M. F. Crawford

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Hermosillo Sonora
Nov 26 1892

Rev. H. G. Clark D. D.
No 1 Somerset St Boston

Dear Dr

Yours of Nov 14th just to hand. The Teachers name is Miss Lilly Westmore. Age 35. She makes application for permanent Teacher and will give her own history. She gets forty dollars a month U.S. money. She is a very earnest christian woman and would like to remain as permanent teacher but feels & has ever felt her inability to be all that a missionary should be. Her ideal of a missionary is high, and I think she underestimates her own abilities.

We think she will make a good teacher. This not two months since she came and she is doing well in the language. She is not brilliant but a hard faithful worker.

There is one drawback viz She is somewhat hard of hearing but not so much so as either Mr or Mrs Case of Porzal.

Our Congregations Sundays are from 20 to 30 4. With the Sciopticon Friday nights

the audiences are much larger.
The Bible work is under the A. Bible Soc. and I only oversee the ordering of Books sending out agents and keep accounts
The Credit is all to the Worker Mr. Blackly.
He is a rare man for the work. Very peculiar but consecrated and fearless and the Lord uses him wonderfully. Just this week up the Sonora river 120 miles from here he send me a Telegram saying his life was in great danger and asked to tell him what to do. I took the Telegram to the Governor who at once gave orders by Telegram to the town authorities where he was for his protection and I told him to hold on and go ahead if possible. He is going forward. He does not expect to be back till about Jan. next.
We do not wish to influence you unduly in regard to Miss Wetmores appointment. but whether she or the other lady may be sent we do hope you see the importance of having the place filled at once that the one sent may be able to speak, and assume control at opening of next year.
Mrs B. joins in kindest regards

Very Sincerely
M. A. Crawford

Hermosillo, Nov. 26, 1872

Rec'd Dec. 5

Hermosillo Sonora
Dec 22 1892

Rev. N. G. Clark D.D.
No 1 Somerset St Boston.

Dear Brother.

Your letter of the 7 Dec just received. I note what you say in regard to the salary being very large. But if you will refer to our letter while in Pomona when we proposed the name of Miss Wetmore you will see that $40.00 U.S. Money ~~which~~ was what was asked for, and the letter with its conditions must have been accepted for you telegraphed us at once to accept her and engage her for one year, which we did. But Miss Wetmore after seeing what you say in regard to the amount and in view of the smallness of the school and the fact that she cannot speak Spanish (not her fault of course) she will reduce her salary from this on, to $45.00 per month Mexican Silver if that is agreeable to you. Also she is anxious for the best ~~work~~ result and wishes to see the best teacher that can be obtained, secured for the place, and hopes you may secure Miss Augusta Burrows of whom you write. She feels as we do the importance of having

a teacher who can speak the language and otherwise gifted for the work. You may not realize that for want of a competent teacher who could speak the language the school is what it is. Had Miss Remley remained, the one we had last year, the school would be three times as large as it now is by actual count. That is we would have had over ~~three~~ thirty pupils. So with the change of teachers and especially when they can not speak the language the public looses confidence in us and it also tells seriously upon our work and influence.

So, Dr. we most earnestly trust that you may secure at the earliest moment possible the Miss Burrows, that she may be on the field, or at least studying the language ready to take full charge next Sept.

Miss Welmore does not wish to press her claim in any way, leaving it entirely in the hands of the Lord to decide for her. personally she would rather not remain, but will if it be so decided by the Lord.

I hope to go to the Conference in Guadalajara about the first of next month. This quite cool here. We are all well. Many good wishes for the New Year

Very Sincerely Yours

M. L. Crawford

Hermosillo Sonora
Feb 17 1893

Rev. H. G. Clark D. D.

Dear Dr

I returned from the Conference a little over a week ago. In Nogales I learned from a friend from Albuquerque that he had heard that Miss. Burrows had been appointed. So when I came home and found your letter of Dec 30th I rather expected some notice of her appointment if she was really appointed, and this I deferred writing till to day hoping to hear further. I hope she was appointed. There are indications that Miss Wetmore's health will not permit her to remain long in the field. It may prove all right but I fear it will not. If Miss Burrows cannot be secured I think another will be found soon.

Miss Wetmore awaits your decission in regard to her. I have told her what

what was sent to us at the conference, but she would prefer to have it at first hand.

The fact that she is only to be here temporary will lessen her ambition somewhat to master the language, and to branch out and organize as it would involve some expense and might not be acceptable to her successor. Then too her stay may be very brief.

We had a very good meeting at Conference. The rest have all written. They were all requested to write to you.

I trust your Board will insist upon its late recommendation in regard to only the Male Missionary voting &c. The lack of it cause rather unexpected results at this ~~the~~ last meeting. Especially in regard to the proposed transfer of Bro. Howland to the training school.

The Whooping Cough is going the round here and as the children have it at school ours have taken it also.

Mrs. C. joins in best regards.

Very sincerely.

W. H. Crawford

Hermosillo, Feb. 17, 1893

Recd Feb. 27.

Hermosillo Sonora
Mar 2 1893

Rev. H. G. Clark D. D.

Dear Dr

Yours of the 14th. duly to hand but I have been absent for part of the time and now hasten to reply. In regard to the appropriation for wall. you are right there was such two years ago for that part of the wall in front and corner, also for division wall and in rear. Now we are required to put up a side street wall on the back street. There is a wall, an old one and the city requires that it be plastered and it will not do to plaster on the old ~~rotten~~ crumbling wall. So we are obliged to build it up anew and plaster it and it will cost $150.00 instead of 100 as you mention in the letter. $150.00 was as for as the least sum.

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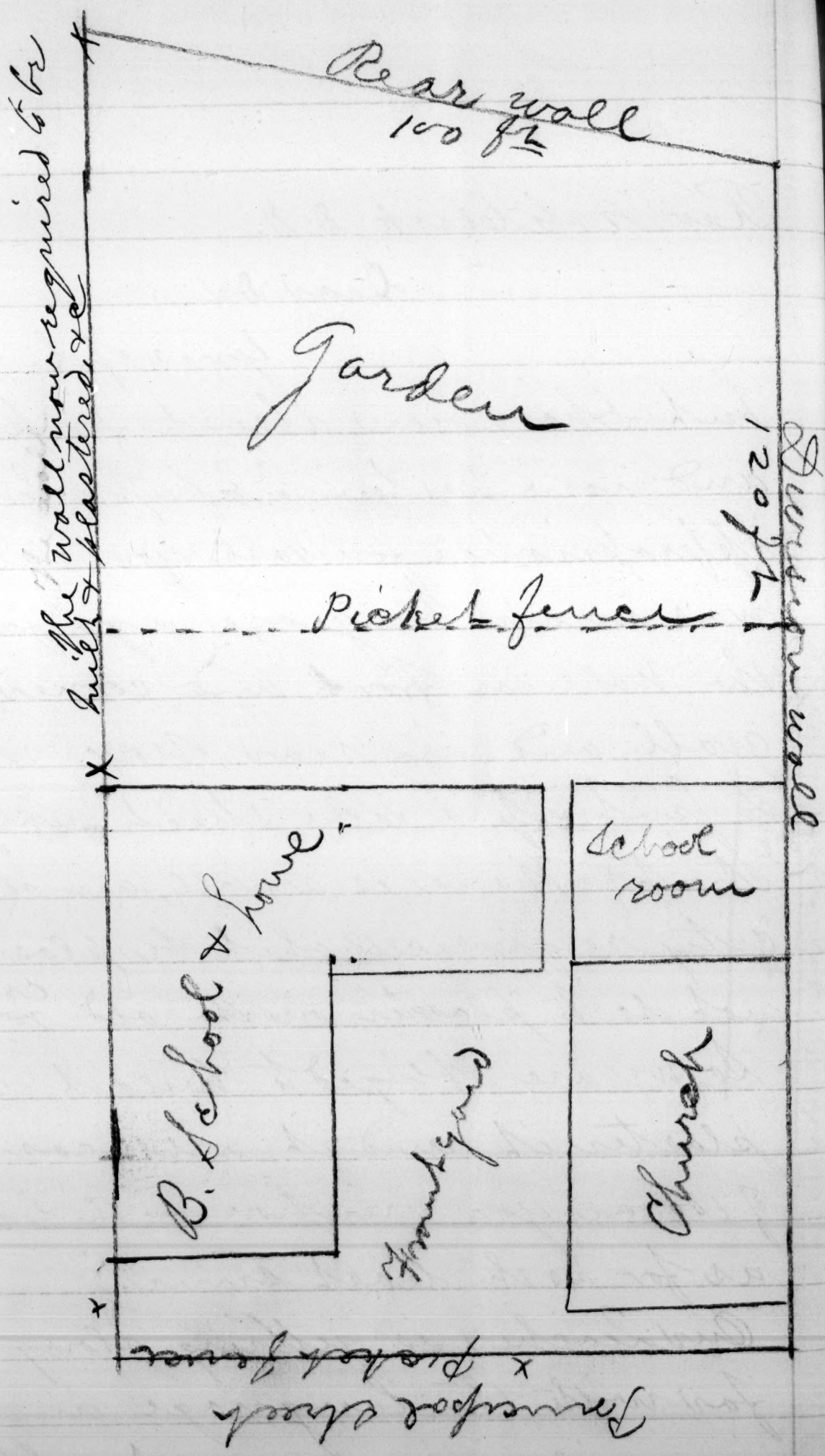
Our teacher is getting along very well so far with the language and work. but is easily discouraged. She is having difficulty with her hearing which ~~has~~ hinders her some, and other woman ailments that ~~were~~ were either coming or are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Garden
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School room
Church
Parsonage
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B. School & home
Parsonage school
& picket fence
The wall now required to be built & plastered &c

caused by the change of climate here. It all tends to discourage her and also the fact that she may not be here long. She would much prefer to have another teacher appointed and I am quite sure she will not return next year. We enjoy her company and she tries to do her best. I think the other Teacher may be found to relieve her or be on hand in case Miss Velmore can not return next fall.

In regard to the training school as you may remember I was most decidedly in favor of Mr Howlands being chosen Director from the very first, but he was not and now to make the change would be about the same as saying that Mr Wright had made a failure and is not capable to do the work, which is not the case; for he has done and is doing fairly well, if not very well. I have no fault to find. Whether Mr Howland would do better I am not so sure. The boys themselves like him, Mr Howland and some of them would much prefer him to Mr Wright. Also I might say that the Lady teachers Miss Stahl & her Mother the Matron are of the opinion that

her knight is not the right man for the place. They see and are much better able to judge than one who only sees & hears for a day or two, and must form his opinion largely from that of others.

Had the vote of the mission been left to the male members it would have been decided to remove Mr Howland, although I personally could not see my way clear to vote for it at present.* The Boys in the school have done very good work and are pretty well under hand. I is married so far as I could see in the few days I was there.

We would like to have the privilege of being absent two months this coming summer provided we find it necessary on account of the children's health and the heat. There is a young man Eugenio Rodriguez in the Training School who has been appointed to this field at the close of the school year in June. He is one of the first converts in Guadalajara.

Mrs C. joins in best wishes

Very sincerely

M. H. Crawford

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I ought to say that the need for change arose from Mr Wright's urging the need of two men for the school as he could not do the work himself and so he moved to remove Mr Howland to be associated with him in El Paso. That was the motion I could not vote for.

We, (the rest of us) Eaton, Bissell & Case & myself feel that one man is enough there, with the man the New West is to provide and do not see the need of two men there and that if Mr Wright cannot do the work. Mr Howland could, most probably.

Recd Oct. 10.

* (over Note)

Hermosillo Sonora
April 3rd 1893.

Rev. N. G. Clark D.D.

Dear Dr.

Your letter of the 22d march is duly to hand. I note the Coms. action upon the Wall to be built here. Also what you say in regard to Miss. Burrows.

There is nothing new here. Things keep along about the same. some drop out and others come in. The roll commenced with only 9. and now there are 20 enrolled, with about half in regular attendence.

Miss Wetmore seems to have no thought of coming back next year. She is getting along very well with the language, but she cannot manage the boys, and she is conscious of it and it worries her a great deal.

We understand that Miss D Stahl of the El Paso Training School is not to return to that place next year. Could she be secured for this place if she would come it would insure a good school in a year or so. I only suggest her name in case Miss Burrows is not engaged. We would like Miss Stahl if

Monrovia Liberia
March 30 1923.

Mr. A. Gilbert R.R.

Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 22nd March is duly to hand. Glad to know you are in the Institution. Also that you are doing well.

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she could be secured. During Holy week, as it is called, we held extra meetings, at 9 A.M. each morning & at 8 P.M. There was a good number out at each meeting; from 20 to 30. Saturday night we gave the Life of Christ with the sciopticon and the house was full and gave the closest attention. Christ was presented to them as their only and wonderful Savior; while they looked upon the scenes and tragedy of his death & resurrection. Sabbath eve. we received five to membership and baptized two children. Several who had withdrawn have been won back again and others enlisted in the gospel. We have lost a good many but others come in and we keep along. The work is growing and quite encouraging in Las Minas Prietas where our native helper lives & works. He has built a church there at his own charges, with the help he received from the miners and the company. We are in usual health. The vessel Elena that landed in Guaymas with cholera was returned and so the threatened scourge has

passed and we are safe and greatly relieved; for it was a serious question, had the dread disease broken out; what we should have done and where we should have gone.

Mrs Crawford joins in best regards

Very sincerely

J. H. Crawford.

Recd Apr. 12.

Hermosillo Sonora
May 1 1893

Rev. N. G. Clark D.D.

Rev and Dear Dr.

A letter from Mr. Case comes today making inquiry as to whether a Miss Felton is needed and if so in Hermosillo or where? I have written Bro Case saying that we will be glad to have her appointed for this field as the present teacher will not be here longer than this year, school year.

We have also written you of late in regard to Miss Wetmore and our desire to have good teacher appointed to fill the place permanently, whether it be Miss Burrows or some other person capable for a mission school. We had written to Miss Stahl of El Paso but she writes last week that she has concluded to remain where she is for another year. So if Miss Felton can be secured and is the right one we trust she may be appointed for Hermosillo. I will write fuller in a few days as to work on the field.

Very sincerely
M. Howard Fonde.

Rec'd May 8.

Hermosillo
May 6 1893

Rev. N. G. Clark

Dear Dr.

We are anxiously awaiting the decission of the Board in regard to the Teacher. I wrote you a few days ago in regard to what Rev Mr Case wrote us about the Miss Felton spoken of. We are expecting the coming of a helper from the Training school at El Paso. Mr Eugenio Rodriguez. I expect to put him in one of the towns some 50 miles from here. There are several points of great interest but ~~we~~ we have no one here to go. and they are at such a distance that I can not get there often. In the Mining Camp Prietas Mr Guzman is at work and has built a church and home for the mission worth at least $2500.00 raising the money in the camp, i.e. ~~and~~ getting what he coved and doing the work himself. We received 5 new members there last month and there seems considerable interest besides. He, Mr Guzman is desirous of building a house at the station Torres on the R.R. where we hope to open work. We would have to rent a house

there, as they are scarce and besides the prejudice is so strong against us that they will not rent even, so it will be better every way to build a room, It will cost about 350.00 mexican dollars and he will put in 150.00 if we will put in $200.00 mexican or about 150.00 American money If we have a house built we would have to pay about $12.50 per month which in two years would be more than the cost of the house. What shall we do in the case. Shall we rent or put in 200.00 toward building a suitable room for services & living for the one working there?
I know this should come through the Mission but I wish your opinion first before presenting it in a formal petition through the mission. We need some place to hold services and must either rent or do some way as suggested. I will be glad to know your advice in the matter.
This is rather a digression as I set out only to speak of the different fields near bye. The next point of interest is the section around Molape, Mazatan

and Nacori. Three towns all accessable and needs one there all the time. They are towns up among the mountains and a long way from civilization. Then there are the towns on the Sonora River, first Ures, the old capital of Sonora. Above there there are a series of towns that Mr Hathaway once wrote you of, if you remember asking for a missionary. Then ~~then~~ there is the region over in the Mountains where Mr Blachly visited last year and sold so many Bibles and asked so eagerly for a Teacher and missionary. El Valle de Tecupeto. They claim to be protestants already but of course that must be taken with much allowance in mexico. In regard to these points I consider them all more accessable than Hermosillo and more promising in results as they are less fanatical but far removed from the center of communication. If we only had three men I am ~~sure~~ the Lord would bless the work in the gathering in of many souls. The young man we had last year we had to dismiss on account of immoral conduct

We have a young man with us now who gives much promise. His sister is with Mrs C. in the house helping and thus pays her board. and ~~is at~~ the Mission is at no expense for her keep. She shows a real christian spirit and we are hoping she may be a Teacher in a year or so if she does not fail us. Her brother is very bright and is quick to learn. We hope to send him to the school next fall. He also is working for his board with me and fitting himself for the El Paso school.

There were a good number of Bibles & Test sold here in Sonora and Lower Cal during last year, over 2700 in all and we can not but hope for a harvest in the future. I hope this may be in some measure what you desire.

With best wishes from Mrs Crawford and yours very sincerely

M. A. Crawford

Germuda. May 6. 93.
Recd May 13.

Hermosillo Sonora
May 16/1893

Rev. J. G. Clark D. D.

Dear Doctor

Yours of the 8th inst just received this A.M. We are glad indeed for the appointment of Miss Burrows. So is Miss Wetmore also.

First our school year ends here last of June. and opens Sept 20th or as near that date as possible.

We are of the opinion that Miss. Burrows should come on at once and begin the study of the Language. She can come to Nogales Arizona on the border and will be near at hand and will find the climate agreeable for the summer; thus she will be ready to open school in Sept.

Mrs. Crawford will be in Nogales about July most probably, and there she can help the Teacher in her study, if it seems best.

Very Sincerely yours
M. A. Crawford

Recd May 24.

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Hermosillo
July 4 1893

Rev. N. G. Clark D.D.

Dear Bro

Yours of June 24 just received. In reply we would say that we replied to your last at once and the same day wrote to Miss Burrows and have written to her once or twice since and have received reply. She expects to leave Iowa about last of July and will reach Nogales some time in August when Mrs Crawford may meet her. But the Rev J H Heald and wife are intimate friends of hers, she having at one time lived in their family so that going to Nogales is like going home for her.

We do not feel the necessity of being there to meet her. We are happy to report all in good health here so far and hence no need for our leaving and thus we plan to remain during the summer. Except Mrs to suffers with decayed teeth and there is not a Dentist of any kind here and she will have to go some place to have them attended to now or a little later.

I was down at Minas Prietas where Mr Guzman works. They are going away to Calif to live and I feel keenly his loss. We have been as bros. He feels sorry to go but he wishes to educate his children in the U.S.A. In addition to the church he built also a house adjoining which he deeds over to the Board and also a lot in the Station Torres on the R.R. where he wished to help to build a room for services. He bought the lot for $50.00 & deeds it to us hoping we may soon build a house there. $150.00 one hundred and fifty U.S. money or 225.00 Mex money. would put up a good room for services as we have already got the lot.

The Silver question is becoming very serious. Things are going up in price as Sil. comes down. Mex Sil. dollars are worth today only fifty cents.

" We have had good meetings. Saturday night we dedicated the chapel and Sunday had good audiences for us both morning & evening. In the morning about 24 and at night 40. It was quite encouraging, for it blew up a gale & rained at night but in spite

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of it. the people came out to see & hear. I talked to them upon the Life of Christ and used views given by the Sciopticon. This so hot we travel at night, so at 12. P.M. or midnight we hitched up and came home arriving about 8 A.M. next day. We are glad to report that the school & church are painted. The work was finished last week in June. We were very glad to get the much needed work finished. The side wall also is up and finished so that we are through building &c and all that will be needed are repairs or extentions in the future. We have a young mexican at work as Bible agent and he is doing well so far. Our new Helper from El Paso is doing well so far. He will go to Minas Prietas.

With best wishes

Sincerely

M. A. Crawford

Rec'd July 12

Hermosillo Sonora
July 10 1893

Rev. H. G. Clark

Dear Dr

Yours of June 30th just received. Many thanks for same. I wrote you last week in regard to Miss Burrows saying we expected her about Aug 1st. Her school closes about July 15 and she hopes to be in Nogales soon after and will be with our old and esteemed friends Rev. & Mrs Heald of Nogales. We are well so far and do not wish to leave the station here if we can possibly remain, which we hope to do. The items you report were received months ago and reported to Boston. Since then Mr Ward has reported it back to me & then in turn Mr Eaton then Mr Wright and now yourself, so that it is pretty thoroughly reported. We are glad to state that the church and school building

have been painted and that we are now enjoying the roomy house. It is indeed very hot these months but this is about the coolest house in town, being built for that object. Our native helper Mr. J. L. Guzman and family pass through here tomorrow on their way to Calif where he goes with his family to educate his children. He has been a rustler. He had nothing when he went to Minas Prietas and was getting his salary. But he soon obtained work with the Co and went to work to build a church. There was a subscription started and about $180.00 was raised in money. He set to work and made the "adobe", had the house built and then a dwelling house in which he has lived for the past year. He has also raised $50.00 toward getting an organ. Has bought a lot for a chapel in the Station at Torres where he wished to build a chapel but his going away has put a stop to it. All these, the chapel house & lot and money for Organ he leaves to the Board & turns all over to me by writing. All this in two years besides supporting his family of seven persons.

We shall greatly miss him but he goes to Col. where he will engage in work for and among his own country men.

Most of the work he has done during the past year after his fall into the sin, adultery; of which he humbly repented and confessed publicly before the church and was suspended: It only tended to increase his zeal. Sad though his fall was, he has risen and his zeal & faith are rare, at least in this country. I have not known his equal, not in Mexico. If he is spared I am sure the Lord will use him for greater things yet.

His disinterested zeal and strong faith are worthy of imitation and will serve as an object lesson for the people here.

Before he was converted he was a whole souled and successful smuggler. When converted he confessed all & abandoned his former life completely. Since then he has given abundant proof his christian life and faith. We are sorry to have him go. We love & esteem him as a brother. The Lord is with him & goes before him & will prosper him as seemeth best.

Sincerely W. H. Crawford

Acc. July 17.

A remarkable story

Hermosillo
Aug 14 1893.

Rev. N. G. Clark D.D.

Dear Dr. Clark.

It has been some time since we have written. your last of July 19th was duly received.

The weather here is very warm but we keep well and I have really enjoyed the stay here much more than we anticipated. It has rained some and the house is large and well ventilated, the best in the city, and we get the benefit of all the breeze that stirs. Our work moves along slowly; we have got hold of two new candidates. The attendance keeps up as usual. Our new helper is contented and doing very well.

We had a small flood here with one of the heavy rains and it washed in and destroyed our little garden completely and washed down two adobe walls and undermined others so that it requires two new walls and foundations anew to save the others. The rate gold sells at now it will require about $175.00 of gold to replace the damage.

We hope your health is good and that you may have another good & year & most prosperous

meeting of the Board. We will some time have the good fortune to be present at one of the Board meetings, & trust, and have the Lord stirred with its uplifting influence. May nothing occur this year to mar the harmony and detract from its wonderful power & influence. If every one who attends, from the President down, will read Andrew Murrays "Abide in Christ" and "With-Christ" and read them and ponder well ~~the~~ and follow the Master there will be no trouble, there could be none. But there would follow a tremendous awakening, such as has not yet been felt.

The young man who was studying with me last year goes next week to the School in El Paso, and the girl, his sister goes to Chihuahua for a two years course in the girls school there to fit her to come back and teach here.

Mrs C. joins in best wishes

Very Sincerely yours

W. A. Crawford

Rec'd Aug. 21.

Hermosillo Sonora
Oct 5 1893

Rev. N. G. Clark D.D.

Dear Dr Clark.

This will find you busy at the Meeting of the Board, or ready to go. We write to say that all is well. The Teacher, Miss Augusta Burrows has at last arrived and school has opened. We of course rejoice at the prospects of the school opend once more with a competent and permanent Teacher.

We like her appearence and spirit and hope all will go well. The school opens very small. But we hope may soon fill up.

Miss Burrows reports cash sent her 75.00 by the A.B.C.F.M. and reports Traveling Expenses to amount of $75.00 plus $9.13 nine $ and thirteen cts which I paid out for her in Nogales.

She also requests for outfit at present the sum of $125.00 one hundred and Twenty five $. reserving the balance for fitting up for house keeping a little latter if it seems the right thing.

The New helper Eugenio Rodriguez is doing very well. He is some what discourage just now as some changes in the mining camp has taken

the larger part of his congregation and members. The same has happened here with us also and our members are badly cut down.

We earnestly hope the spirit of discord which some are trying to introduce may not hinder but be turned for good. What a blessing to the churches in general and for the peace and prosperity of the Board if the Leaders in the New Theology might be freed from their obligations in Andover, and let them go over to Unitarianism or Universalism as they may prefer. This a shame that such men should be retained in such positions and that illegally.

But God has some purpose in permitting it and we can wait and see. We pray for large blessings upon the meeting of the Board. Some time it will be our privelige to be there I hope.

Rec'd Oct. 13.

We join in fraternal greetings

Very sincerely

M. A. Crawford

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Hermosillo, Sornora.
Dec. 15 / 93.

Rev. N. G. Clark. D. D.

Dear Doctor Clark.

Your very kind letter of Nov. A with P. S. of Dec. 6.came duly to hand to day. We thank you for the same. I was not aware that so long a time had passed since I last wrote to you. I beg your pardon for negligence. I sent you a card last week telling of the death of Mrs. Sturges in Los Angeles the 5 of Dec. Mrs. Crawford is in Oakland to day where they went with the remains to lay them at rest besides the loved father who was laid to rest six years ago in Oakland. Julia will remain in Los Angeles in her school work. Mrs.C. will not be able to return until the last of this month I am sory that I could not be with them it such a sad hour , but we could not both go so it seemed best for Hattie to go, and comfort her lonely sister

Miss. Burrows is taking the full charge of the school and is doing very well indeed.

In my letter of Oct. the 16 I fully explain about the damages done to the property and the amount needed for repairs You will see that the damages were not in the buildings but to the rear walls or fences round the property, Also that we only ask for 65.$for the plastering of a side wall which the city authorities required us to do; and 35.$ for repairs, the balance we will pay off with means from other sources. All that is asked for is one hundred dollars in U.S. money.

There is no prospect of war on this side of the Rockies unless Mr. Cleveland continues in his present stuborn and partisan course.

With best wishes from Mrs. Crawford and myself

I remain yours sincerely.

M. A. Crawford.

Rec'd Dec. 23.

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Hermosillo, Sonora. Dec. 28. / 93.

Rev. N. G. Clark.
Boston Mass.
Dear Dr. Clark.

Your good welcome letter of the 16 Dec. just to hand and many thanks for same. You were right in supposing that there would be a letter from me on the way which I sent a few days ago. Mrs. Crawford is not back yet but we expect her in a day or two. But she and Julia will appreciate your kind sympathy wibt them, for they have always esteemed you very highly for your kindness to, and intrest in them. Miss Julia will continue to live in Los Angeles and continue with her school at least for the present year; further than that we can not tell. When Mrs. C. returns I will write you more of the particulars of the death of Mrs. Sturges.

In regard to the Training School I feel now even more decided, that there is no need for any change, unless it be to put Mr. Howland in charge and let Mr. Wright take charge of the Guadalajara district. But I am not sure ~~but~~ that any change is at all desirable. I certainly am not in favor of puting two men in the School at present, at least. The Alamos district is a good one and of much promise but the Methodists have left it for the present because it is too much out of the way and expensive for them. It is not so for us as it can be worked from MR. Bissell's station with but little additional ~~expense~~ if he only had another helper to rely upon.

Our work here in Hermosillo is very discouraging at present, but in the mining region of which you ask it is meeting with remarkable success under the leadership of our new helper Eugenio Rodriguez, who came from el Paso last summer. The mine is of gold and silver and is having remarkable success ~~in~~ good ore. I expect to go down next week to receive some 8 or 10 new members in the church in the Colorada where our church is. Then in other towns near by there are believers and a desire to hear the gospel. When out there in Nov. we had large and very attentive audiences every night. I preached with the Sciopticon giving views from the life of CHRIST. They are anxious for a preacher to instruct them in the way of the gospel. The minister at the Colorada is much encouraged. Oh for more good laborers to put in the open doors throughout the state. Mrs. Durants mining schemes have all proved utter failures through the untrustworthy agents whom she has employed and confided her intrests in Had her affairs been managed by strictly honest and capable men she would have received immense profits

We unite in wishing you a very Happy NEW YEAR and many of them with GODS richest blessings.

Very sincerely yours,
M. A. Crawford.

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Hermosillo , Sonora Jan. 10. / 94.

Rev. N. G. Clark. D. B.
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Clark.

Yours of Dec. 30. just to hand reporting grant of sum for repairs. I am sorry if you did not get the letter that I sent to you the last of Dec. In it I spoke of just what you ask about, in this your last. I will not repeat until I hear from you again, for I think you must have received it by this time. Mrs Crawford returned home the 30. of Dec.. Her sister Julia went into school Jan. 1st ; and will continue there for the present year.
The school is getting along very well so far although it is very small.
The teacher is doing well in the Spanish , but of course can not be expected to do much the first year . But she is getting a good start and will be able to receive and hold all who offer themselves for another year.
It is saying a good deal that she has been able to take the full charge this year and seems to get along all right so far.
It is quite cold here just now and there is a great deal of sickness , especially among the poorer classes. We spend considerable for medicine every year.

Mrs. Crawford unites in best wishes

Very sincerely yours ,

M. A. Crawford.

Recd Jan. 18.

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Hermosillo Sonora, Mar. 6 / 94.

Rev. N. G. Clark,
Boston Mass.

Dear Dr. Clark:-

Your kind letter of Feb. 2 was duly received and we thank you for your kindly interest in the work here and in us.
The letter you sent around to the Mission in regard to your assistant makes us feel sad, as you have been so long in charge of that Department.
It seems almost like your fare well to us. We hope it may not be so and that you may have many more years of labour in the work in which you have spent so many and faithful years.
You ask about the girl Victoria whom we sent to the school at Chi. Well she is a bright girl that we had with us here for a year or so and wished to give her the advantage of a years schooling in order to fit her for a teacher here. But we are sorry to report that her health has failed her and she became discouraged and has caused some trouble. She will probably leave school.
The Donor Miss. Wetmore is a constant giver to the Board and has shown herself a very generous christian where ever she is.
The work in the school here is much more encouraging than it was. The teacher is getting hold of the language better every day and by another year she will have a good school if nothing happens to take her away. There are several that have promised to send next year when the teacher can talk and manage the school more to her satisfaction. Some new ones have been received of late and things are more encouraging. Your question in your last letter about letting our teacher go to El Fuerte to help the Bissels we do not under stand at all. Do you mean to leave this place with out any school at all? If so we are not in favor of it. If you have some other provision for this field you do not mention it. So far as numbers goes we have more than they have in El Fuerte. and besides this is the first year of permanent school here. We have had no permanent work thus far but just carying on the school work as we could. But ofcourse the work is larger than we and it is for the Board to decide what is best for the whole and we will conform ourselves to what is best and what Providence may direct in the case.
Mrs. Crawford accompanied me on my last tour in Feb. a tour of 40 miles where we had a most encouraging time It was a long and very hot and dusty ride but we reached there at dark and after eating our bread and beans we walked over to the next village, some half miles and met some 30 or 35 earnest listeners. The next day, Sun. we held the usual meeting in the morning but not quite so many were out, as in a mining town there is no Sab. Many would never know when Sab. comes if it were not pay day. At night the house was full of very eager listeners that, after they were dismissed they still sat and asked

and asked for us to go on. There are many enquirers after the truth
I go up to Nogales this week to attend a Fellowship meeting to be held th
by the Brethren in Ari. and New Mex.

Well Dr. we hope to hear from you again and that your sight may be spared
to you yet until your work is all done. It seems to me that I would be m
than satisfied if I could have such a long and eminently useful life as y
have had, especially the last 40 years. The Lord has greatly blessed yo
labours and we all rejoice in it.

Mrs. Crawford joins me in best wishes

very sincerely yours,

M. A. Crawford.

Rev. M. A. Crawford
Hermosillo, Mex. 6, 1894
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Mrs. Harriet J. Crawford

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Mrs. Hattie J. Crawford. S
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Hermosillo, Sonora.
June 24th 1890.

Dear Dr. Clark;

I write you as my husband is not able to do so. He has been intending for some time to write, but has been sick now for some time. He wishes me to tell you about the progress of the building. The first story is completed i.e. the adobe walls are up & they have been at work 3 days upon the 2nd story. It threatens rain tonight or tomorrow, when it will be necessary to suspend the work. However there are about 3000 adobes stored away in a room where they will keep dry, & during the intervals of rains they can go on with the walls. There is about $600.00 worth

of lumber here piled up
the house we occupy. Th
windows & doors will be ma
here. For a couple
months the rains will inter
but in the Fall we hope th
building can be completed
so to occupy it in the ear
Winter.

Mr. Crawford has
very poorly for over a month
Last years work, the build
of the chapel in addition
all his usual duties was se
too hard for him, & he was
hardly able to undertake
son again another such bu
But we did not realize
& seeing the need of the b
he wanted to push on.
There was quite a delay in
receiving funds at one time
when we most needed it
due, we had borrow here
Hot weather came on and

that with heat, anxiety over
ork & loss of sleep & apetite
fell ill. But getting
ter in a couple of weeks he
ent up to Nogales, but immedi-
tely fell sick there with an
tack of pleurisy which had
en coming on unbeknown
e was there sick two weeks Mr.
ton taking care of him. As
on as able to be on his feet he
ame back here (a few days ago)
see about the work. His
ngs are left very sore, he is very
eak & does not regain his
ength when it is so hot.
e are very sorry for we had
ped to stay here thro' the
mmer.

Mr. Guzman the Cal.
ev. of whom Mr. C. has written
n has charge of the building,
is very faithful & effecient as
the care of the services. He
s been providentially brought-

to us, for he has the interest of the work here to heart as much as even we.

We do hope your own health is better now.

Yours with grateful respect,

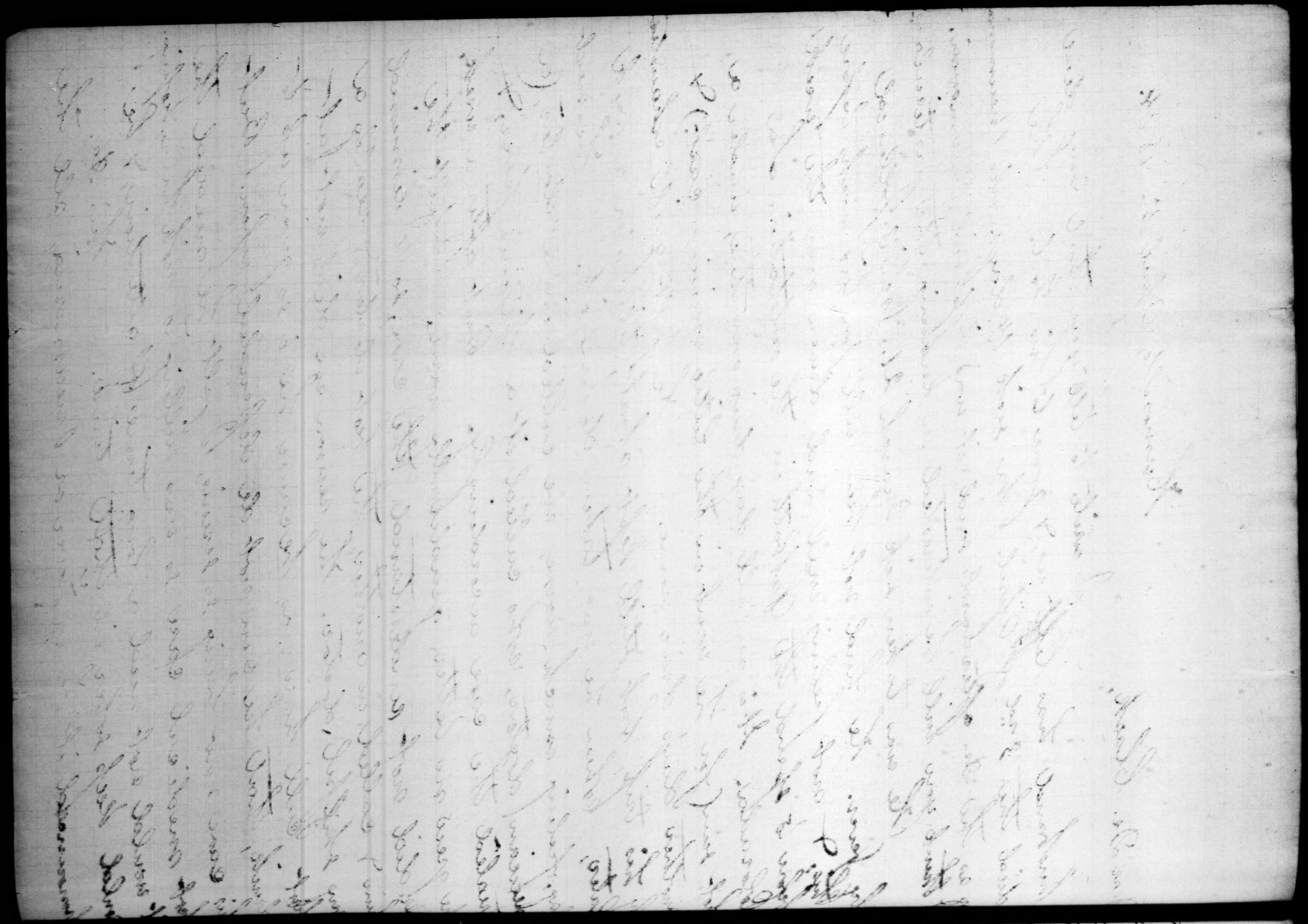
Hattie J. Crawford.

Hermosillo, April 5. 1874.

Dear Dr. Clark,

I write to tell you that my dear husband has left us, & gone to his God. He died the 3rd of April. Was sick 14 days, with Pneumonia, as the Dr. afterwards said, it was Typhoid Pneumonia. I think you will be interested in knowing the particulars.

He was taken sick March 21. Chill followed by fever. He had not been well for two weeks before this, & not feeling well had driven over the week before to spend the Sabbath in the outstation La Colorada. It is an all day drive over there, under a hot sun (for he went in the little mission cart.) & another day's drive home. He felt quite exhausted by his trip, but still kept about, till over a week later, when he was taken down sick. The next day, feeling much worse, we called in a doctor, (a Mexican doctor, who called it a billious fever, & treated the case accordingly. But after a week, he grew no better, gradually worse. I felt the Dr. did not understand the case, so I dismissed him & called in another, the best doctor, & really a very skilful doctor. The reason we did not at first call him was, because he is so given up to drink, that he can not be depended upon. But his case now being so serious, I felt he needed the best medical care, so was willing to risk him, hoping it would not need a long time of attention, & he would keep sober in that time. This Dr. pronounced it Lung Fever or Pneumonia, all the



worse for neglect or mistaken treatment, (strong & 2nd
continued cathartics.) By the time the 2nd doctor took
him in charge he was suffering intensely. He was in high
delirium, there was a great dryness of mouth, throat &
alimentary canal, causing constant thirst & burning.
He had scarcely slept, day or night, since the first &
his nerves were almost completely shattered. Oh I never
saw such suffering. Even in his delirium
he prayed for deliverance.

But I noticed that thro' all his
suffering he never complained. He often prayed -
"Lord it is right that I should suffer." "Spare me
if it be thy will, not because I deserve relief,
but because of thy great tenderness."

There were moments all thro'
his delirium, when he conversed with a clear mind.
He prayed God to spare him to work longer, for
these people. I too ~~prayed~~ prayed God to spare his
life, but when his suffering continued day after
day, & all I could do to relieve him, seemed
useless, I could no longer ask this. I prayed
God to take him from his suffering.

It was a great comfort to me that
thro' all his delirium he always knew me, & he
always wanted me by his side. I never left him,
day or night, there 14 days, for more than 10
moments at a time, with the exception of 2 after-
noons, when I left him (in care of some of the ch.
people who had come to watch him) to take a
little much needed sleep. The 12th day the inflamation
began to abate in the lung, & he was somewhat relieved as to the
pleurisy, but so prostrated, that the Dr. turned all his
attention to bringing strength back again, & showed skill in
his efforts to bring back

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back his almost departed strength. I can say to you that we were all deceived in his disease, for he never suffered a pain in his lung, & had no or very little cough, till the last few days. But he did suffer from oppression & a great difficulty in breathing. But the last two days, his suffering was some relieved, his delirium was largely removed, but continued fever, great dryness & thirst, & great difficulty of breathing. He was so weak, that I only caught his words, by bending my ear to his mouth. These last two days he realized his end was near. He told me that he was going to his Savior, & he was happy. When evidently suffering much, I would ask him if he was in pain, when he replied "yes, but I didn't know—all is peace & happiness. He then talked in his delirium (for it continued at intervals up to his death) of the beautiful songs he heard the angels sing, of the peaceful, restful eye of Jesus that he almost constantly saw resting upon him.

The last few hours he gasped & struggled for breath, that he could not often speak. But as he could, he bade me farewell, & spoke a few last words to his little children. When I saw the end very near I said "you are going" he nodded his head, faintly whispered "Jesus" placed his hand upon his heart & pointed upward. He told me during the night that God had told him that the next day he would be called, & several times during the night he asked if it was yet morn. & the forenoon he frequently asked what hour it was.

among the last words he said to me. "Tell the people that I die loving them". And again, "Tell them to continue the work of the Lord." He died at noon, April 3. Excuse me for telling you all this, but he loved you & you loved him & I know you will like to know it.

Now I want to tell you what his death has been to the people. Numbers have said "I never knew before what was a Christian death." Others said "There was something that gave to that man his peace & resignation & joy even in facing his death, what was it?" Several said "We notice how you do not give way to sorrow, how you bear with resignation. What is it gives you this power?" To these not Christians, we gladly took the opportunity to explain the Christians faith & its foundation. He was respected & liked by most every one. Many sent in expressions of sorrow & sympathy, many from the best families & many whom I had never met, even tho Mr. Crawford had known them. He was followed to his grave by several of the highest officials of the Government, & several of the most prominent men in business here. Yes they said, "that man was a christian in all his walks in life."

We had a very short, but appropriate service, at the house, before taking his remains to the cemetery. There was no minister to conduct a service, & we were obliged to start at 6 A.M. so this short service was conducted by our good deacon Ignacio Bustamante, and most of the ch. members & a number of outside friends were present. I will tell you soon why his burial was at such an early hour.

Wed. eve, the eve. of his burial, the bell

was tolled & many 5th gathered for a memorial service. By that time, Eugenio, (the preacher from the out station, who had been called by telegram) arrived & conducted a very feeling exercise. The house was well filled, by many too who came out of curiosity to witness the "mass that the protestants pronounced over their dead" But they listened well to the Gospel as it was preached to them, & listened with feeling to the relations of the sickness & last words of the departed pastor. One woman a member formerly of the ch. but who had been cut-off from membership because of non attendance for over a year, came several times to inquire for Mr. Crawford, during his sickness, & she attended his funeral, came to the memorial service, came to talk with me next day, & said, "over a year I left attendance upon this ch. & said I would never enter it again. But I came last night, & I shall continue to come."

All this his sickness there were many kind friends, the members of the ch. came often to see what they could do & several of them helped me to care for him & to watch by him. One poor washwoman, supporting a family of 4 little children, said to me, "I want you to pay me only half wages for my work, during this time of Mr. Crawford's sickness." She is a member of the ch. & this desire of hers was in accordance with her daily conduct. This is the change in life that the Gospel works in them.

Now let me tell you a few little circumstances in contrast with this poor woman.

After the 2nd doctor made his first visit, he sent asking for $25.00 in advance.

I consulted a judge, a friend, who said if

did not give him the 6th money, he would not continue
to come, so he took this advantage of me. It
was too serious a case to neglect, so I sent him the
money. Then the day before Mr. Crawford's
death, he sent for $175.00 making $200.00 in all.
This latter is not yet paid & efforts are being
made to come to a compromise. This same
doctor told me that the disease was Pneumonia
he told others that it was Typhoid Pneumonia.
The report became spread about, that he had
died of Typhoid Fever so that before the
body was scarcely cold, there came to me the
chief of police with orders to carry him to burial
before dark. Twice the word came. Finally
thro' the help of the Judge our friend & neighbor,
they consented to believe it was not a contagious
disease, but I was ordered to not be later than
7 A.M. next morn. & earlier if possible. That is
why our brief services, referred to were at 6 A.M.
I have written a very long letter,
but I can not refrain from telling you,
a little of what he has accomplished. So
we can realize the hard work, the anxiety &
the prayers for the completion of these buildings,
this church, & school building. And now it
is finished. He often said, he hoped the Lord
would let him finish, & he did. And it is
a most pleasant & commodious place & must
not be given up. There must be a flourishing
school & ch. here, & there will be, before long,
I am sure, if the work is not abandoned.
For a long time Mr. Crawford
had been praying for the coming of the
Holy Spirit into this place. The Holy Week

as it is called, we had arranged to have a
ries of meetings, every eve. in the week. The
rethren & sisters of the ch. had been coming for
me time every morn. to pray in the ch. for this
pecial blessing. We had asked Eugenio
odrigues, the preacher at La Colorado, to come
over to help. Holy Wed eve. was to be our fast
meeting. Eugenio came that day. But that
ame day Mr. Crawford was taken sick. The
meeting that night was well attended. The
h. crowd filled, doors & windows filled. Every
ve. the meetings were continued with increased
interest & numbers. And have so continued
ce since. Not one of these did Mr. C. attend,
but he inquired anxiously every night. His
work was done. These buildings are now
finished & ready. The meetings commenced
with new spirit, his part seemed now to be
done. & others will take up & carry on more
than he has begun. I must tell you one
thing more. There were several cases of
discipline in this ch. Mr. Crawford felt that
the week of prayer could not be blessed unless
these cases were settled. So the Sabbath of this
Holy Week, & the last Sabbath he was in our ch.
he gathered the members of the ch. together
after services, & these cases were all settled with
harmony & peace. There was one case in particular,
a man who was proud & rebellious & would
not admit his wrong. But his fellow ch.
members plead with him, & until he yielded,
then with tears in all their eyes, a farewell
prayer was made, & all parted in affection. We
felt that we were ready for the Coming of the Spirit.

Now Dear Dr. Clark, my dear husband's work is
ne - well done, we all feel. but it is only his
ork that is done. The Lord's work is only begun -
Please do not abandon this field. Send some
e able to carry it on. I am sure that next
ar the school will fast increase - & the ch. will
ast grow. There are several candidates, whom
r. Crawford was expecting to receive, also several
andidates in La Colorado.

I have written to Mr. Eaton to know
hat I shall do. Will some one be sent here
take charge? There is whole household outfit
r any missionary who can come, and Eugenio
odriguez, preacher from Colorada mine, can
ay here till another man can come. I ancil-
ders here. Soon as affairs can be settled, I
ill go to Pomona, Cal. where Mr. Crawford's
other & brothers live, then I shall then find
me thing to do. I feel anxious to continue in
e work for the Mexicans in Cal. & in future
ars, if the Lord will, I should like to come
ack here & help continue the work, my dear
usband has begun. After years, when the
hildren are grown - for I have 4 little children,
m 3 yrs to 9 yrs. of age. I don't want
drop out of missionary work - I want to
ntinue in it. & I don't wish to loose sight -
ear Dr. Clark of you - after all you have
ne for us & for my dear Parents -

Your loving & grateful friend
Ines M. A. Crawford -

I want to emphasize - do not abandon this field dear Dr. Clark. It is just on the eve of a large ingathering - never before have such numbers come out to services, many remaining later, for conversation, or asking for Bibles to read. Send down some one full of the Spirit, for there is a large work beginning.

I await orders besides as the mission property to be turned over, there is complete personal outfit, every thing new, that the coming family can take at once.

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Hermosillo, April 25: 1894.

Dear Dr. Clark,

How kind you are! Your letter of kind sympathy has greatly strengthened & comforted me. God is helping me, & sends even with this heavy burden strength to bear it all.

Mr. Eaton came over, & his visit was a blessing not only to me, but to the people who felt their loss & who felt a deep sense of need.

Mr. Eaton has written you of the business in connection with the transfer of this property into name of A. B. C. F. M. It is under transaction now, but will be probably six weeks before it is completed. Mr. Eaton tell me it will be necessary for me to stay till it is concluded, and I told Mr. Eaton I was perfectly willing to wait. I am doing all I can to hasten matters along, for sake of the business, for my sake, or rather on account of the children. It is growing very warm already & the little ones sicken under the great heat. I hope now I shall be able to leave here by the last of May, when the Bissells will be coming on their way to the Annual Conference, & I can accompany them half of the distance. They will spend a few days I hope here. Mr. Eaton wrote me that he sent word to the native preacher, who was at the out station here "La Colorada", to move his family here & occupy this field thro' the Summer, till it can be decided who shall come here to occupy. He & family are already here. He has preached a number of times here,

& is very well liked by the people. He will dra
the people & hold them till an American musi
can come in the Fall. I shall be here till
Miss Burrows closes her school. She may go on wit
me to Nogales. She will write you of her plans. B
when we do go the Blackleys, (the Bible Society a
& his wife, who have been boarding with us this year
will remain in the house to keep it thro' the Dem
Also an American gentleman, a christian, who
been in business here for 2 yrs, & who showed grea
kindness & help thro' Mr. Crawford's illness, will
take one room in this house. So the house &
premises will be well taken care of. Eugenio
Rodriguez has rented a small house near by, fo
wh. he pays small rent: It did not seem best f
a Mexican family to move into the nice, clean Mission
house. Mr. Eaton could not authorize
me to leave our furniture here, for the mission
coming (for as to my thought was that it could
thus a saving to the Board & to the missionary as to
expense in importation) So I have sold most
every thing. Miss Burrows has bought for the
of the boarding school some necessary furnitu
She has good prospects of several boarders f
next year. There still remains Mr. Cra
stereoptican, a very good one. I don't wish to sell
at a great sacrifice, & it is something that surel
the next missionary will need in his work. I wo
like to leave it, where the next missionary ca
buy it if he chooses. When we le
Guadalajara, we left my organ (one given me
my Father) for the use of the ch. there, & you
gave us another in place of it, which you sent

I leave that organ here now in this ch. 2 yrs ago we bought one of an agent, here, for me to use in the house, for giving lessons to pupils. This we paid for partly by our "tenth". So this too I leave you for mission use. The little organ you sent us a number of years ago, the ch. in La Colorada bought, & have it there.

You ask about Mr. Crawford's parents. His mother & 3 brothers are living in Pomona, Cal. on an orange ranch. They are the ones who gave so much, nearly 2/3 of the amount raised from the home churches, for the building of this chapel here. My husband wanted me to go to them. This I will do, & stay with them a short time till I can find employment. My thought now is to go to Los Angeles, which is near to Pomona, & find pupils in Spanish. There are a good many mexicans in Cal. & Spanish is quite used, & I feel now better prepared to teach Spanish than English.

My desire too is to open Gospel work among the mexicans there, for they need the Gospel preached to them in Cal. as much as they need it in Mexico. Were it not for my little ones, I would ask you to keep me in the work here, but my little ones need now the christianizing influences of our home land, & while having them under such influences, I can myself work among the mexicans there.

You ask about my children. & there are. Mabel 9 yrs old, born in Guadalajara. Albert Sturges, 7, David Livingstone 5 yrs, & William Clark, Clark is for you dear Dr.) 3 yrs, born here in Sonora.

You speak about my receiving pecuniary aid fr
the Board. I did not ask for any such aid.
I would rather not take it. I think I can
manage to support ourselves ~~alone~~, by my teachi

One of the last things my husband sa
to me, was. "Do not feel anxious"! "God will
take care of you!" And I do not feel anxious.
feel sure God will take care of us. I would
rather not receive aid from the Board. Mr.
Crawford left no insurance on life & all he le
was 2 pieces of land, one small piece set on
in orange trees, near his brothers ranch, &
another in a grape farm. We hope that in
years they may yield a little some thing to be
help to me.

Mr. Cater said he would inquir
to whether the Board will help a little in
view of the heavy expenses that I have had
to meet here. The first Dr. sent in a bill f

$16.00 for 8 visits - wh. I paid
$75.00 second Dr. bill, reduced from $200. first a
25.00 medicines & the plasters &c used in Pneumo
40.00 lot in cemetery & funeral expenses -
$156.00 - If the Board see fit to help me i
these expenses - I shall feel very grateful. But
would rather not accept any aid further,
unless it be to assist in the traveling expense
yet to be met. You ask where Mr.
Crawford was laid. In the town cemetery, th
only place - a lonely spot; outside of the Tow
a little way. But it matters little after all, where th
body is ~~only~~ awaiting its glorious resurrection.

My Father, when here, made arrangements for the cutting of a monument from a marble wh. is found here. This monument will bear an inscription which will catch the eye of the visitor in the cemetery & which will be in marked contrast to the black iron crosses surrounding it. This monument can be made cheaper than & will be sooner done, than to send away for any thing. But it will be several weeks till it is up. That is another reason why I can not go from here soon. I do not wish to leave till I see the monument up. The cutter promises to finish in about 3 weeks.

Now Dr. I can not close without a few words about the work here. The death of Mr. Crawford has touched this people. Mr. Blachly who 3 yrs ago canvassed this town & said that with the exception of 2 other places, Hermosillo, was the most unwilling to buy Bibles, has this week been again canvassing the town. He says there is a great change. People stop him & talk to him, they buy his books, and nearly everywhere they inquired "who is coming here to fill Mr. Crawford's place, & when", and all say, "Mr Crawford was a good man, every one respected him." Several said. "We know now what we have lost. Several ladies from very fanatical families who never came near the house, have sent to me their sympathy, & several have come to see me. One from fanatical lady said. "I am now a Protestant! I never knew what the death of a Christian is." I have seen how his family bear the trial, & I know

know there is some thing in Christianity"! This w
was in the day that Mrs. Crawford died. Several
asked me. "What is it that helps you to bear with s
resignation such a trial?" And I am glad to
the opportunity to explain to them the "faith of the
believer." One old lady, aunt of one of t
Priests here, when she heard Mrs. Crawford was dying,
a holy candle to be burned upon the ch. altar, "burning
did not care if it was the soul of a protestant. He was
good man, & she wished to light up his soul into g
One of the priests is reported as saying Sab. to his
people. (2 days before Mrs. C. died) "The protestant
minister is dying, pray for his soul". It is grat
Dr. to me to see how they loved him, & even the mo
fanatical respected him. This place is on th
eve. of a great revival, we all feel it. People
come in to services, crowd about the doors & listen
ask for tracts & Bibles. There never was any thing
like it. The people are touched, f
say "the missionary has given his life for u
we will find out what there is now in the
teaching we before refused to hear." Dear Dr
find some one consecrated & able to carr
on a big work - for it is opening up. This
field is of too much importance to leave
in care of a Mexican preacher. This man will
well this Summer - but by Fall, there must be a
American missionary here if possible. Pardon me
dear Doctor - for such a long letter. I love Gods wo
here & I love the people here. The little band of ch. m
are with new zeal & consecration doing all they can t
forward Gods work. Again thanking you & your de
wife for your love & sympathy. Yours truly Hattie J. Crawfor

Hermosillo, Sonora - Mex -

N. G. Clark,

Dear Dr. Clark;

Your letter is just received, king whether I could stay here another year to make home for Mr. Wagner. If it were not for my ur little children I would have no hesitancy as my reply. My heart is here & I would like to end the rest of my life, here, among this people where y husband has been laboring. But certainly w, my first duty is towards these children. The oldest 7 & 9 are at an age now where they are y much influenced by the children with whom y associate. Mr. Crawford & I had made up our inds, several months ago, that we could not keep e two oldest ones any longer in this house, where nstantly, they are obliged to associate with all inds of Mexican children, & you know those who e about us, are the low & poor classes, by that ean chiefly low & poor in morals & character. We d made up our minds to send them away.

Now that I am left alone with the children el that I must stay with them & keep them together, rain them, if possible to become missionaries of the ss of Christ. At the same time I wish to find istian work among the Mexicans in Cal. for there can keep my children with me, & work myself.

It is hard for me Dr. to go away from e. I have thought it over a good deal & if it e possible I would stay. There are villages,

many of them now, up in the mountains, asking f
a teacher. Mr. Blachly (Bible Agent) has just
returned from some such villages, where they beg
for a teacher. "Oh they say, we want to know! s
some one to teach us!" I would like to go fr
village to village, living among them & teaching th
If as the children go older, & I find I can lea
them in the States, I would like to return to
Mexico, after some years, if the Lord opens a wa
for me. But my duty now is with my o
children. The youngest is 3 yrs old, & I could no
live such a life & take little children with me

As to making a home for Mr. Wag
I can tell you this — Mr. & Mrs. Blachly expect
to remain in Hermosillo a year or more. She
makes her home in this house, while he makes
tours thro' the towns. She expresses her willing
to remain in this house & make a home for h

Miss Burrows is expecting some girls, as board
pupils next year — but the house has a great
many rooms, & there will be room to accomoda
all here till the school grows. The Blachl
will be glad for the use of a room here, & I am
sure will be glad to make a home for Mrs Wag
Miss Burrows too will board with them.

I am very thankful that a man ha
so soon been found to come here. But oh Dr.
Clark — may I tell you just how it seems to me —
Of course I do not mean either, to be any wa
making any suggestions to you — You certainl
know what is best to do under the circumst

But what I want to say is this —

The work is in a most promising condition now - people seem to be just waiting - not only here, but many towns inland are asking for a teacher.

Now it will be a year perhaps before Mr. Wagner can use the language & begin to work. Oh if some one could come, ready right now, they could push the work all thro' the State - for this opens work all over the State, & you know this is the only point occupied yet by your Board in this State.

If the Olds or Bissell could only come - but you know best, & I know the Lord will order all things rightly. The young mexican preacher, who is here now, does very well, but the work will run down if left long in his charge, simply because he is like all other mexicans - (no push, energy or plan in his work.) The place he has left - Los La Colorada was in a promising beginning & is now left with out any one. The few there are trying to keep up their services & will. If we have long wished there could be an Evangelist - to travel thro' these small towns spending a few weeks or months in each place. There are many, many such towns all thro' the State, already asking & waiting. Were it not for my own dear little children, I should like to spend the rest of my life among these villages, going from one place to another.

I wish you could see, Dr. the pleasant situation we have for a school here. Mr. Crawford enjoyed planning & working. He put in (at his expense) 25+ orange trees, & next year they will bear very abundantly. He made a good vegetable garden which will furnish all kinds of vegetables for the

school & furnish them work to attend to it. The rooms too are planned for convenience & comfort. Dr Calder was much pleased with the situation & buildings.

I am waiting the legal transfer of this property, wh. will be completed in about 12 days. Also waiting the completion of a stone monument, which is cut from a stone out here. He promises to have it finished in 2 weeks.

May 15. The Bissells arrived last evening.

From what little has been said on the subject I think they will be willing to come here & remain for a year, at their salary to Fuerte. It could be done without much expense to the Board could it not? and meantime Mr Wagner could be studying here or in some other field, preparing for this place. This is an important center here. Ch. & school growing many towns about are dependent. But I know you will know just what is best to do in the matter, & I know the Lord will plan all for the best end.

I do thank you dear Dr. Clark, for your kind thoughtful care over me, that I may not suffer for funds. I have already written to you, answering your question as to help in the future from the Board.

Yours
Hattie J. Crawford.

Rec'd May 22

Mrs. Hattie J. Crawford

Rec'd May 31, 1894. 223

Hermosillo, Sonora. Mex.
May 22. "94.

Dear Dr. Clark-

I wrote you a few days ago regarding my staying on here a while longer. I told you I did not feel as tho' I could stay. I have been thinking more over the subject. If it will help to meet the difficulties in question, I must not refuse to stay. I am willing to do what is thought best in the matter. I am willing to stay this the summer to help to keep up the work.

But by subsequently Oct. some one will be found, who can come. I would be glad to take the children away then if possible - that they be not another year in this boarding school.

But I am willing to stay a while, or
the hot season, & will await
your reply & await decisions
at the Conference.

I have only time for these
lines - as the mail is closing -

Yours Hattie J. Crawford

P.S. I do hope, that if Mr.
Haynes comes here, he will
bring his wife with him.

Hermosillo, Sonora - June 8. '94.

Dear Dr. Clark,

Your letter, enclosing one to Judge Arizpe is received, but instead of delivering it to him I have taken the liberty to send it to Mr. Eaton, for him to open it & then judge whether it shall be given to him or not. I have done so for the following reason, & I ask you to please excuse me for the liberty that I took.

Your letter was written before the last proceedings of this Judge Arizpe, wh. was to ask $200.00 for his services. I wrote to Mr. Eaton, the matter was compromised, & Mr. Eaton authorized me to pay him $100.00. Mr. Arizpe agreed to this & said that he was satisfied, tho at the same time, it was evident he was not entirely so. Now if in your kind letter you have offered to repay him financially that will somewhat mix up matters, for he supposed the $100.00 paid to him was authorized by the Board, & he may come back on us & ask for the $200.00 still. There may be nothing in your letter to give him such a chance, still I was afraid to run the risk, so have taken this liberty, for the delay of a few days in giving him the letter, will be better than to have any thing unpleasant occur. These poor men - the love for money is strong in their hearts, & their promises, seem fair & true, yet they are not. We have lived so long among the Mexicans, that we have learned just hard far to trust them.

Yes- Mr. Arrizin was a friend to our family & he helped us in this transfer of the property. I will tell you something about it, for perhaps Mr. Eaton had not written to you the particulars.

When Mr. Eaton was here, & talked with the judge, they thought it could then be done for something like $200.00 without counting lawyers fees. He offered then to draw up the papers for nothing, if they were for me. But when he learned that the Board would pay expenses, he said then he would charge a little something. But notwithstanding his offers, Mr. Eaton felt it would be wiser to have a practical lawyer attend to the business, for the judge is not a lawyer. So it was left, but we soon saw the lawyer was not to be trusted. He asked at the outset $260.00 before any thing hardly was done, & Mr. Hultz saw that at this rate it would cost the Board a good many hundred dollars before the business should be completed.

So we took the business out of the hands of this lawyer, & thinking that Judge Arrizin would still honor his word asked him to attend to it. He said he would ask a little for his services & Mr. Hultz told him the Board would be willing to pay him. His first offer was to do it for nothing - then when he raised his price to a little we did not suppose it would be $200.00. Well, he did attend to the matter, promptly & well, there were a great many documents to be made out & then copied into their books, or published, or registered. This he did faithfully

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First- Judge Arrizin divided the property selling my half at private sale, only the children half selling at public auction, in this way he saved a large part of the city or Gov. taxes, for there was less tax on my half. He took pains in his selection of an appraisers, putting as low a value on the property as possible to again save on taxes. It is customary to call in 2 lawyers at the close of such business to examine the papers, to see if every thing is correct, these lawyers charge no less than $50.00 apiece. He avoided this, by consulting a lawyer a particular friend of his. So that Mr. Pfully says, that even with this exorbitant charge of Judge Arrizin's, the matter has been arranged cheaper than any lawyer would have done it, so that your letter will please Mr. Arrizin I think I do him good.

I feel very sorry that it has all cost so much, Mr. Pfully & I have tried to do the best possible. I hope this place, in the future will prove that the expense put onto it has not been lost. Mr. Eaton thought it a very pretty place & very convenient indeed for ch. & school, 2 large yards, with fruit-trees, that Mr. Crawford put in at his own expense, apart in vegetables that the school can work on for exercise, & can use thus saving quite an expense. The boarding school is 2 stories- 10 rooms, large & airy & wide porches up & down stairs. Mr. Crawford said the place, counting all the work put onto it, is not worth less than ~~10,000~~ $10,000. Ten thousand. The Birrells were well pleased with it.

& we were so thankful that you were to be
saved a great expense - but when he presente
his bill for $200.00 we were quite staggered. W
reminded that he had said he would ask a
small sum, he replied that $200.00 was a very
small sum for such services. He claimed
that he had saved over $200.00 for you, in
his management of it, & Mr. Dulty said he
had, for Mr. Dulty has had a good deal to
with American laws. He thought he had
saved that $200.00 out of kindly interest, bu
it looks now as tho' he had saved it, that
might put it into his own pocket. Still he
taken a friendly interest in the matter, & wa
always very kind to us, as our family. It was
who interposed & helped me when the offic
came ordering me to bury Mr. Crawford on
3 hours after life had left him. He &
Mr. Crawford often had long conversations toge
on the subject of the Christian belief, he is
man of intelligence, speaks Eng. & reads a good
deal, & who knows, may yet become a strong
champion of the Christian faith. Mr. Crawfo
death affected him very much & inclined h
to our belief. His deceit & love fo
money is not to be wondered at, when we th
of what is born into them & taught them
from the cradle by Romanism.

I sent Mrs. Eaton an itemized
account of expenses, thinking not to trouble yo
with it - but you may be interested to se
how it all had to be done, & I will tell y
how Judge Arizu has saved in his managem

3rd sheet-

$13.00 stamps for documents.
49.20 3 different publications in 2 different papers each time.
8.25 registering of these documents.
40.00 Gov. stamps on appraisement.
5.00 bond for Mr. Stulfy - day of sale.
2.20 carriage hire for Mr. Stulfy & Judge - different times.
69.34 Gov. & city taxes.
20.00 Lawyer Lopez for deed
22.00 stamps for deed copied & registered.
6.00 appraiser.
50.00 Lawyer Carden
84.99
100.00 Judge Arizu
184.99

You see what a large sum went to this state & city for taxes - & for stamps - every page of those documents required a stamp on every page - 350 stamps - the stamps for the appraisers papers were $3.00 & $10.00 stamps on each page. The state tax was 2% of the appraisers value of property & the city tax also 2% - quite a sum was thus saved on my half being sold at private sale. There was no city tax on it.

Mr. Dullz was pleased with the letter you sent him. He is a christian, one of the very few here always attends our ch. services & contributes generously towards the running expenses of the ch. He is an engineer & is putting up mill machinery here & also interested in spinks. He always has been very friendly & was very kind during Mr. Crang's illness & after. and in this business has taken a good deal of pains to see that all possible was done as speedily & as cheaply as possible.

This ch. for several years now has paid its own expenses - lighting - S.S. helps - illustrated S.S. charts Hymn books &c - & this year it will pay all its own expenses I think.

Dr. Clark, you 4th spoke of my going to help in the El Paso training school. I thank you for wanting to keep me in the work in Mexico, but I do not feel as tho' I could go. First I do not believe I am competent to fill such a place - with little ones I could not attend to all that one in such a place ought to. & second, if I could stay in Mexico, I would rather stay here in Sonora - where my husband & I have worked together these few years, & where his form now rests. Mr. Wright wrote to me about it & I gave him these reasons.

Dr. Clark, I feel that my children ought not to be in Mexico. They have no strong father to keep them in the right. I am alone now to do it, & I feel as tho' I can not keep them in the right I alone, when surrounded by such influences. It is hard for me to leave Mexico. I love the people & the work, & I have thought over it a good deal - but it always seems to me that I must first think for & of my children. There is no place where I can leave them in the States - they are all so small - Willie baby is only 3 yrs old & it seems as tho' I must keep them together & keep them with Mother, till at least - they are older - then if the way should open again, after some years, they could be left in other homes perhaps & I can come back here to Sonora again. That is the way it seems all the time to me, tho' as I wrote to you, I am glad to stay here thro' the hot season, if I can take the children away as soon as school shall open here. It would be very to leave all in hands of the mex. preacher here, this Summer, for even a womans presence, is better perhaps than to leave him in entire charge. Mr. Blachly & Bible of whom I wrote, is away afew all a good deal, & probably Mr. Stults will be.

So that if you think best, I am perfectly willing to stay till the new missionaries shall come, provided I go there when school shall open. I am praying every day, that the Lord send some one here to go on — that the work may not come to a stand still.

June 8. This letter was not finished yesterday & today comes a letter from Miss Burrows, with only a few words as to the decisions of the Conference. She said there was a possibility of her being sent to Fuerte, in which case there would be no school here.

Now this can not mean, can it, that this place is to be abandoned! Just now, when people are ready, these years that we have been struggling along trying to keep up the school, with native helper, or a teacher who could not speak but little of the language, now a teacher is secured, such commodious rooms prepared, several boarders in view for next year, help promised from the States, in shape of clothing, day pupils promised from several important families here, (for there are a good many who have not been sending because there has not been a teacher who could talk, but they will send now) now can it be that after all this the school will be dropped. And will not pains be taken to send some one here who will carry on the work! If the place is neglected the Methodists or some other Board will step in, for this is too desirable a place to be unoccupied. This property alone is worth not less than $10 000.00 Mr. Crawford & others used to say, & a large part of that gift to the Board. Surely there will not be such a mistake made, as this, to let this place, now, at this time, when opening with such promise, & after so much money & labor spent on it, let this place, this work be lost to the Board.

5th

Please forgive me if I write too strongly. I do not mean to find fault with any of the decisions of the Conference in Chihuahua. I know how they all, deeply anxious for all that will benefit their own fields, may naturally leave out of sight the interests of others. There was no one there to represent Hermosillo, but Miss Burrows, & it was natural that Hermosillo perhaps was put a little to one side. Now, all my desire naturally is that Hermosillo's best interests be considered as much as those of other fields, that is why, I now, put in this plea, if not too late, that in the decisions for the best furtherance of the work that Hermosillo be considered equally. I think it will be. I feel sure that the Lord will order wisely, & I write thus Dr. Clark only because I feel so anxious for the best good of Hermosillo.

I think I can realize in part, how many difficult questions come to you to be decided. I know that you do the best that you can for so many of us.

Yours respectfully,
Hattie J. Crawford.

Would it help matters if Mr Wagner should come with a wife?

Bermudas, June 8, 1894

Rec'd June 17

Mrs. Crawford 225

Hermosillo, June 12. '94

N. G. Clark,

Rec'd June 21.

Dear Dr. Clark,

Two days
go I sent you a letter, giving
you an account of money paid
out on the transfer of property.
I also wrote you some thing about
the needs of this place. I had
received a letter from Miss Burrows,
giving me a short impression of
the of the Conference. She
felt discouraged about this
place & wrote me she feared it
was not so well provided for
were to be the other fields.
That letter of hers made me
feel very anxious & I wrote you,
as you already know. This
morn. came a letter from Mrs
Taylor, also one from Mr. Wright
giving me quite a different

report of the proceedings of the Conference. I saw that the very best possible had been planned for this place. I am sorry that I wrote to you in a discouraged mood. Please forgive the letter dear Dr. Cla[illegible] did not write in a spirit of fault-finding, but I did write because I felt so anxi[illegible] for the best interests of this place so dear to me. Mrs. Stultz too wrote in the same sp[illegible] He is much interested in the place & work, & when I told him what Miss Burrows wrote he was anxious too & that occasioned his letter to you.

I write today to tell you that I feel dis[illegible]sent, & feel sure that the very be[illegible] will be provided for this plac[illegible] & to ask you to please pard[illegible] any seeming interference or dictation in my letter, for sur[illegible]

was not my spirit.

I am glad to stay here till the new missionaries shall come, & meanwhile will try to do all I can to keep things together.

Yours respectfully
Hattie J. Crawford.

Mrs. Crawford 226

Hermosillo, Sonora -
June 15 - 1894.

Dear Dr. Clark, Recd June 22.

I wrote you
veral days ago telling you what I had
ne with the letter you sent to
udge Arizzu. I did not
ike to open the letter myself
sent it to Mr. Eaton. He
eturned it this morn. & I
elivered it to the Judge, who
as pleased with it. I am
afraid you were not pleased
ith my taking such a liberty
ith your letter, but it was
cause I was afraid there
ight be some thing in it, that
ight make trouble. When
u wrote the letter, you did
t know that he had

already been paid, & I was afra
that perhaps you in your kind
had offered to pay him. He
supposed naturally, (for I made
no explanations especially) tha
what had already been paid
him had been authorized by
you - & I was afraid that an
thing you might say about
paying him, would give him
a chance to claim more. Ther
people are so without honor a
such things. But I was over
careful & fearful. Please
excuse it - Dr. Clark. The
letter is now delivered, & he
continues the kind friend
used to be to our family,
notwithstanding his great
greed for money.

We are keeping
well thro' this hot weather
The members of the ch. & c

keep up well their duties, & are constantly praying that God will, in his own time, send them their needed pastor.

I am so grateful to you for all your plans & desires for the best & most successful continuance of the work in this place.

Yours most respectfully,
Kattie J. Crawford.

Mrs. H. J. Crawford 227
Hermosillo, Aug. 30, 1894.
Rec'd Sept. 7.

Hermosillo, Sonora—
Aug 30. 1894.

. N. G. Clark,
Dear Dr. Clark;

I have
ot written to you for some time.
ut I know you will be interested
knew how the summer has
assed, while I have been
ailing here, (as requested to do)
r reinforcements.

It has been a long, hot
ummer, but very thankful
am that we have all been
ell. The children have
ot had one sick day even.
It has been a hard lonely
ummer for me alone here, but
t has also been a summer
f blessed experiences to me.

personally, I have been lear
blessed lessons of trust &
rest from the dear Saviour h
self. He has come to me, &
played with me thro' all m
sadness & lonliness, & has neve
forsaken me. Then too
have enjoyed these last-mont
among this people, whom w
loved, & who love us. I shal
be sorry to leave them. The
native preacher has done ve
well & is well liked. We
have kept up all the chu
services, Chris. En. meetings & a
Temperance Society & the we
women's neighborhood meetin

The people have dropped
off some in attendance upo
church services. Many who
came, because of their fee
for Mr. Crawford, have g
indifferent, & the hot wea

always has a depressing influence
upon the congregations. On
the other hand, there are several
~~who~~ new members of the Cong.
who come very regularly, & show
signs of genuine desire to lead
better lives. Every once in a
while, I hear from some inland
village, or from some ranch, where
Mr. Crawford had been to preach,
or where he had sold Bibles, &
they all say "oh when will another
man like Don Isaias Crawford
come to explain to us these truths!"
There are many little towns,
waiting, but no one yet to go to
them. The Cared have
written to me of their desire
to come here, telling me that
they have offered themselves
to the Board. Dear Dr. Clark,
I pray that it may be best
for you to send them here.

The need is so great here, I in
turns about. The native pre
here, does very well under directi
but he is young & inexperienced
ignorant (as to the wisdom th
a leader should have) & the
need seem truly great here,
one like Mr. Case. Even
his health would not permit
to stay but a few years, woul
it not pay to thus hold the
field, till another could com
Mr. Eaton asked me
if I could wait till the
Cases come. Before we
there was prospect of having
Cases come, arrangements w
made for the Blachlys
(he is the Bible, &c. agent) to
occupy this house, so as to
make a home for Miss
Burrows, who will soon set
& reopen her school, & we

2nd sheet -

likely have one or 2 boarders.

So that the house & Miss Burrows are provided for, & on this account, there will be no need of my remaining.

The Blachlys are here now, & Miss Burrows comes soon. The Blachlys can remain in this house till the Cases ~~come~~ when they will then move into another house.

I have already asked for half fare pass over the S. P. R. R. I think they will grant me, but which will only be good till end of Sept. For that reason too it seems best for me to go on. Then too they write me from Los Angeles, that there is quite a desirable house that I can rent, by reaching there by the end of Sept. For these reasons it seems best for me to go on.

On the other hand I am g
anxious to see the Cases &
deliver into their own hands
what belongs to the mission.

But I will give mission
books, & a list of what belo
to the Mission into hands o
Miss Burrows, & she can give
to the Cases when they com

I would very much like to
see the Cases, & as Pomona, Ca
is near to where the Cases are,
will see, if the expense is not
great, & will give myself the
pleasure of seeing them for a
day or two. At the sa
time, I wrote Mr. Eaton th
if there was any reason wh
it was <u>necessary</u> that I sh
stay here till they come,
am willing to do so. But
I do not hear, from Mr Ea
any request to remain, I

plan to leave here the middle
of Sept. I will then go to
Pomona, where Mrs. Crawford's
mother lives, & will rest there
a few days, for I feel quite in
need of a little rest, before
taking active life up again. Then
the last of Sept. or first of
Oct. I will go to Los Angeles, &
find a home for myself & the
children. If you send me any
mail please send it to Pomona,
Cal. Box 166.

Now Dear Dr. Clark,
As I am going from Mexico,
I do not feel that I am
saying "good bye" to <u>you</u>. I
would like to let you know
what the future of that life
brings to me. I feel anxious
to continue in Gospel work
among the Mexicans in Cal.
I can never forget all

you have been, & have done
us, & for my parents; I kn
you love the children of th
missionaries. My only ambition
now for my children is that
they may live to become
workers for Christ, & if his wil
may go to work in foreign l
as did their Father & their
Grandparents.

I want to thank you f
the pecuniary aid you hav
sent to me here in Mexico.
will help me to pay off some
heavy expenses that fell
me through ~~of~~ Mr. Crawfo
illness & burial. now, as I
said to you before, I do not
want any more aid, I do
not want you to send any
more money I mean. There
a little left to me from
a life insurance that my

ep, you know our boy 3 yrs
old is named for you.

Again thanking you
for every thing I am

Yours truly
Hattie J. Crawford.

P.S. You remember I told you
of a lot that Mr. Crawford
bought (with his money) in Zozes,
R.R. station & growing town, with
the intention of building a church
there this last Spring. I will
have the deed to that lot here
mission property, & whoever
comes, will please see if they
can put up a chapel there.
Mr. Crawford's thought was to save
the money here, so as to be no
expense to the Board.

Father had. it will be enough
to send me a house. I am
sure I can find some occup
enough to keep us, the child
& I, & in 2 or 3 years, the
will be a little income perhap
from a lot in oranges, that
Mr. Crawford had with his
brothers in Pomona. I tell y
this, that you may see tha
you do not need to send m
any more pecuniary aid. I
am sure God will provid
for us. I am not anxiou
or afraid for the future

I will write to you
after I find a home, & wi
tell you whether I can con
in Gospel work among the
Cal. Mexicans.

I shall never forge
dear Dr. Clark, & shall lo
to tell my little ones about
him ~~all the~~ as they grow

Pomona- Cal. Oct- 3: "94.

v. Langdon S. Ward-

Dear Mr. Ward;

I received
sterday your kind letter &
closed draft- I thank you
h your kindness. I returned
sterday from the annual
eeting of the Woman's Board
Missions for Southern Cal.
e meeting was in Ventura, a
n ~~of~~ port town. I enjoyed
uch the meeting, & the
ht of the ocean again, wh.
th me way back to my
land home in Micronesia.

I have been in Pomona
r a week, with the mother
brothers of my husband.

Next- week I go on

to Los Angeles, Cal. My
desire is to find a part of
city where I can have my
children in a good school, &
at the same time continue
work myself among the
Mexicans. For there are a
great many Mexicans in
Los Angeles & this Cal.

Again thanking you
I remain

Yours respectfully
Hattie J. Crawford

Mrs. Hattie J. Crawford
Oct 13, 1894

P.

Oh! Darling forgive

Mrs. Hattie J. Crawford

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Pomona. Calif. Nov. 15. "94.

Dr. James L. Barton,

Dear Dr.;

Your letter of Oct. 29 reached me a few days ago. Your kind interest & questions regarding my welfare so much touched me. You ask how I am "personally situated" & what is my "financial condition." Before I left Mexico Dr. Clark kindly asked whether I needed any support from the Board. I told him I did not. My Father had his life insured, for a moderate amt. on wh. my Mother lived upon after his death. When my Mother died last Dec. this was left to be divided between a sister & myself. It is a very

moderate sum, but I am sure
that I shall get-along very w
My sister lives in Los Angeles,
her husband is a carpenter
he is building for me a sma
cottage, near to them & out-in
the outskirts of city so cheape
What will be left over will not
enough to keep me entirely, b
I have prospect of some pupil
Spanish which will help me a
I feel that the "Work" needs
money more than I do. I hav
good health and am sure
will in no way suffer. I am
very thankful for this sum
to me by my parents. A
years ago my husband & I p
our savings of several years
some large grape lands in
but there has been a failu
& we lost it. The sa
of the past few years we p

with the little chapel & boarding school in Hermosillo & both fell that it was & will be a much better paying investment.

I have told you all these particulars, because you would not have asked me were you not interested to know all. Since coming from Mexico I have been spending the time here with my husband's family & with M my sister in Los Angeles. My little cottage will be ready for me end-month, when I shall be thankful to have a home of my own * for myself & four little ones.

You ask about my working among the Mexicans. This is the principal reason for my making a home in Los Angeles. My children will there have christian surroundings, & good schools, while at the same time

I can work among the Mexica
There are 5,000 Mexicans in & ar
the city, & very little is being do
for them. The Presbyterians
have a small ch. & S.S. among
them, but our denomination h
nothing yet. I am sure I ca
find plenty to do among them

Yes, if God wills I should
like to return to Mexico. But
soon, not till my children a
older & I can leave them, my
baby boy the youngest is only 3
yrs old. If after they a
all more grown, & my health
& strength continue, I should
like to write to you about retur
Meantime, as I told Dr. Bla
I would like to keep up connec
with you thro' correspondence,
it seems some how like leavi
home to drop correspondence, du
the kind Secretaries at Boston

for you know, all my life time they have been familiar to me, first- thro' my parents in Micronesia, then there later years in Mexico.

Dr. Barton were you once a missionary? Then you know all about it.

I sent Photographs of the Hermosillo chapel & boarding school also of my husband's grave, to Dr Clark. There were so many kind friends who contributed towards the erection of that school & chapel especially from the Christian Endeavor Societies, I do wish there was some way to give them a sight of the building which they helped put up.

I have had several opportunities, in different towns near here to tell the churches & missionary societies of your work in Mexico. This month I expect to visit several more places in

this part of Cal, & very much
enjoy telling them about the wo
there. Mr. & Mrs Care, who now
are in Hermosillo, were in Pomona
lo, & very much interested the
ch. in their account of their wo
so much so that the Christian
Endeavor Societies voted $30.00
for the purchase of a mission ca
for Mr. Care. Mr. Crawford
a little two wheeled cart, in whic
he often traveled over the country.
But the cart was entirely past
use & Mr. Care needed another

Please excuse me if I have
wearied you by so many partic

Again thanking you for you
kind interest I remain,

respectfully yours
Hattie J. Crawford.

My address will be 1813 West 12
Los Angeles. Calif.

J. L. B.
Rec'd 3-8-95
Ans'd 15

Mrs. Hattie J. Crawford

1802 West-12th St. Los Angeles, Cal.
Feb. 28. '95.

Dr. James L. Barton,
Dear Dr. Barton;

Your letter of Feb. 11 was forwarded to me from Pomona. The same mail brought to me a letter from Mr. Case. He writes that he is pleased with the buggy & then tells me of the additional cost, because of freight and duties, and still further adds, "I prefer that you do not suggest to the Pomona friends that we be helped out any further."

I feel as tho' I would like to act upon your

suggestion, & I think the Pomona friends will be willing and glad to help him still further. But as I am not at liberty to say any thing to the Pomona ch. on the subject unless Mr. Care is willing, I have written to Mr. Care asking his permission to ascertain at least whether help can not come from the Pomona ch; and if Mr. Care writes that he is willing, I will gladly do all I can in the matter.

I have just passed thru a seige of Scarlet Fever - 2 children - but all are spared & recovering. We are very thankful.

Yours very respectfully
Hattie F. Crawford

Mrs. K. J. Crawford

J. L. B.
Rec'd 6-4-95
Ans'd

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1802 West-12th St. Los Angeles, Cal.
May 28. '95.

Dr. James L. Barton,

Dear Dr. Barton;

I have delayed replying to yours, hoping to hear first from Mr. Case. I have written twice to them, asking permission to present the subject at least to the Pomona friends, but they say nothing to me about it; so I do not like to write to Pomona yet about it.

Mr. Case is now absent at their annual meeting at El Paso, perhaps when he returns to his home he will write me something about it.

Yours very respectfully
Mrs Kathie J. Crawford.

L. B.
12-30-96
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1802 West 12th St. Los Angeles, Cal.
Dec 22. '96

Rev. James Barlow,
Dear Dr. Barlow;

Your kind letter was received today and I hasten to reply. It touches my heart very much to know that you still are mindful of me and of my little ones. I indeed thank you very truly for your kind offer, but I am glad to tell you that I do not need help from the Board. Dr. Clark, kindly asked me if I needed help in that way & I remember that about 2 years ago you asked me the same question. I do not actually need the money and the A. B. C. F. M. has actually need the money,

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so it follows that I do not
wish them to send me any
thing. It is true that we
have only a ~~little~~ small
means of support, - but we a
not - suffering at all - we
have several times come to
the very last - cent, - but just
at such times help has com
to us from most unexpected
quarters. We are all we
I am glad to have my child
learn lessons of strict econo
& of faith in God for
temporal blessings too. I am
ake to do a little towards
our support, - we shall get
on nicely till I shall have 3
grown boys to help.

There 3 boy
are going to be missionaries
some-where, as says too my
little girl, and when they

are all older, & can be left
without a Mother's care, I hope to
return to Mexico, if not too
old. Then perhaps we may
need to call on the Board
for help, but till then I
hope we shall not need to.

Indeed, I wish we
could give to the dear Board
and help her along a little
ways.

So again thanking you
Mr. Barlow for your kind interest
in our welfare, and wishing
you and for the dear
old Board a better year
than ever, I remain,

Yours most truly
Hattie J. Bradford.

Mrs. Hattie J. Crawford.
Los Angeles, Dec. 22, 96

Mrs. Hattie J. Crawford,

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J. L. B.
Rec'd 2-6-97
Ans'd 2-11-97

1802 West 12th. – Los Angeles, Cal.
Feb 3. "97.

Dr. James L. Barton,

Dear Sir;

Your kind
letter of Jan 22 did not reach
me until this morning, it
having been sent to Pomona
& returned from there.

I thank you for your
kind words and solicitude
for our welfare. But I must
say that I do not deserve any
words of commendation.

The needs of the "Board"
are greater than mine, &
under such circumstances I
don't see how I could do
other than to refuse to take

from them, what they so much need. I deserve no praise for doing simply what I ought to have done.
I do not know who wrote you of my circumstances. I would like to know but did not ask you since you did not see fit to tell me. As long as you have been written to on this subject I will tell you frankly the situation. A little sum of money left me by my parents I used in building us a little cottage. I was not prudent enough & used up the larger part of the amount in the building, trusting to find pupils in Spanish, or other employment to live. But because of my 4 children small yet, & for other reasons I found only a little to do

Aside from this, the city is
building out this way faster
than we expected; improvements
are made, & street grading,
sewer, taxes &c is consuming
my little remaining income.
That is all, which is nothing
very alarming after all, I am
in different ways able to make
a little to help us out. I am
trying to hustle to sell & invest
in a cheaper place in the
small town of Pomona, where
we can live cheaper & where
in a little while my 3 boys
can have a garden, & in
several ways make us a
living. Aside from this:
God has been several times &
times in times of special need,
God has sent his ravens
flight to our door with bread
& meat. Now the earth

is his & the silver & gold. -
he has cared for us till
this present moment, why
will he not continue to do
this? and I see no necessity
for calling on the "Board" for
help. Pardon me for
wearying you with these small
details, but I do so that you
may know why friends have
written you, tho' I am at a
loss who they are, for I think
very few here know my
situation financially, & my
friends in Mexico know the
I feel about calling on you
for help.

It might be different
if we were not all in good
health. So I will again
thank you for your offer to
help in the future if need
& will say, that if, in the fu

Mr Brawfords brothers
live in Pomona, & will help
us in many ways when
we go there to live.

Again thanking you &
assuring you of my prayers
for you all, for I am sure
he knows all about your trials
in the "Rooms at Boston," & I
am sure, He will not permit
what he has entrusted to
you to suffer. But how
the churches who do not give
will suffer! and they must
find it out too!

Yours gratefully &
cordially.

Kattie J. Brawford.

it should be necessary to ar
you to relieve us, I will no
be afraid to ask you!
The fact that you rememb
us and care for us, gives
me courage & new faith.
About returning to
Mexico. I look forward to
but not until the children
are all older & can be le
alone here. It may be few
years or even more, & health
& strength may not then
be good. But I can leave
that too with the Lord.
You knew Mrs &
Miss Peabody, formerly in
Erzroom, Turkey, live in
this city, & we meet
occasionally. Often at
some missionary meeting
where we did to-day.

Mary Dunning

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Miss Mary Dunning 234
Chihuahua, Jan. 27, 1894.
Rec'd Feb. 2.

Dr. Clark.

I have often thought of writing to you of our work and its results, but days seem get fewer and fewer, life seems very far over except the one letter. Many of my own friends think I have deserted them entirely, and with good reason, for those not living near our home seldom hear from me.

As you have probably heard this we have run considerably behind the past year, and are now reducing expenses to come out square at the end of this year. Juanita Dobbins and Conchita Escorza are going out to teach, one at Zaragoza, another at El Morelos, that is if the last place still wishes a teacher

as they have very much in
the past, offering to board a
pay a teacher almost if n
entirely themselves. ~~Remembe~~
You know more or less abo
I think she is a real Ch
are christian, and will be w
ested in her work, and has
real desire to help in christ
work where ever she is. She is
real indian, sometimes to
brin, you cannot get her to
her church, but she has con
ed herself more or less int
day.

The other one who goes o
just now Jesusita Escorga
a very unpretic person for
Mexican, she'll accomplis
something, though she will
apt to step on somebody's to
in doing it, for her brain

et is inconsiderateness. She
portably make a little work
in the church than in
school. We shall miss them
h very much in our C. E.
ting, but what is our loss is
in to others. I surely hope they
strongly enough grounded to
main true, but I do not trust
em but rather God, to keep
em from falling.
Of the girls that remain
but three are younger girls,
ree older ones two are daughters
helpers, the other one is from
rmosillo, - It has turned rather
mistake bringing her so far,
at first she was terribly homesick
k, and varied more or less
rd from the lungs, so that
have not been able to have
study as we would have

liked making as much
the time as possible. The
the Cranfords are leading
here are to prepare to help
the school there, but she
almost too far behind to
and Lucie has such for
that I am afraid she
not say for the experiment

All the girls are
members but one and
is a candidate; they
such an impression
people easily influenced
order. They once have
are and are willing
profit the meeting. They
ready to be received as
bers, but when it comes
living christian lives,
is quite another thing.
what they have been

Miss Mary Dunning

Chihuahua, Mexico.
Feb. 3, 1894.

Dear Dr Clark,—

I have kept a letter received from you a year ago to answer some d[illegible]; and in fact I have written to you two or three times—and torn the letters up. They might have spoil[illegible] your good opinion of me.

My year and a half in Mexico—has been a revelation of human nature more than anything else, my own as well as others.

a wrangle in the Board, a
wrangle or two in the mission
(the whole mission) and a strike
in the school with enough
ill health apart of the time to
make things look wrong if
they had been right; and
I might add as minor
excitements war and
small pox, near have been events
of my years experience.
We rejoiced at the result
of the annual meeting of the
Board. The question of
a new house for the China
mission seems to have been
settled for the present. About
Mr Forlands' transfer, I don't
know. Won't that come up

[illegible] prove up to it made a
[illegible] difference to me this day
[illegible], they had nothing to do
[illegible] relations. And so I am
[illegible] very much disappoint-
[illegible] in the girls come home.
[illegible] things that I would
[illegible] expect of them and my
[illegible] goes down to my boots.
But it gets up again, when
I think of how much they
[illegible] to contend with, and
what poor specimens we are
[illegible] years + years of [illegible] 9
[illegible] example. Every one who
[illegible] to our L. S. meeting thinks
[illegible] are so well conducted +
[illegible] one so ready to take part.
[illegible] do have much more
[illegible]idance in themselves in
[illegible]aking and praying than

many young people at h
O. You must take them
quite almost to hear the
talk, but the walking, a
the talking do not alwa
agree. I so often think
a remark made by
Hare in "Memorials of a
quiet Life" when one of
servants had committed a
demeanor - "Poor thing it seem
to be in the air!"

There have been a num
of young women, men I a
day coming to the meeting
lately - I am glad they c
but they keep up such
everlasting stare at our g
that I wish they would
do that. I don't feel li
miss Hawkins that I d

at any of the girls to
ry, I shall be very glad
lad to have them marry
d earnest christian men,
t I am very much afraid
their homes; the only girl
at has married from this
hool is Virginia Rodriguez,
husband came to the
lings very regularly, and
thought to be a fine young
n, but - as soon as he had
bid he showed the colors
d has not done well since,
present - he is in jail!
don't want any more
n marry after that style.
Sunday-school is grow-
g quite rapidly, of which
are very glad, particular-
as the boarding-school
st be kept some what

in check.

Give greetings to all the interested ones, and kind regards for yourself

Mrs. Clark.

Yours most sincerely

Mary Kennedy

Chihuahua

January 27, 1894.

I forgot to mention the fact that it is my intention to go home at the close of school in June, if possible.

Mary Dunning

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Dr. Clark

Boston. –

Dear Dr. Clark –

Mr. Eaton

re see a letter of yours to me
which you spoke of the school,
d seemed to be very evident that
me obliged to cut down as we
e done, in order to come out
this year. I do not think
e is need for being grieved
t it as we see simply im-
to carry more scholars than
have appropriation for. I am
one to blame as I should have
d say plainly to those who
e urged the scholars upon
that we could not take them.
es they are paid for. Well,
id in one case but not meet-
ding the two girls appeared at
door one day, but not one aunt

for discussion again? I did not want to vote on it before & said so. I shall vote against it if I am asked to vote again for the better I understand the condition of the El Paso school the less nice I think it to send him there. I know now that one of the missionaries and I think two voted, not as they judged best, but to satisfy people. Personally they did not care; neither do I. I'd rather other people would arrange it and not bother me about it.

[illegible] school strike was a complaint against the

has been paid for either one
it was time they went home
the two girls left not to teach
or expected to send out any
at vacation time, so it was
only a matter of sending them
four months earlier, and
they are doing good work wherever
they are, it cannot be any
serment to them and certainly
is a credit to the school.
We had a most tempestuous
time almost all of last fall
and early winter, there seemed
to be so many discordant
elements in the school
had a continual feeling
I was being rubbed up against
sand paper, so that I felt
I did not keep quite as
an eye on the finances as
I should have done,
Ever I cannot feel that

at injury has been done to
he school, and don't want
w to think so either, because
ot will put an end to me
ner than any thing else.
ould rather be robbed with
nd-paper by the Mexicans.
ut to it has been a good ob-
t lesson for the girls, they
nk there is no end of money,
r they see there is. and I
e be more careful my self and
t do so any more. Of course
ch a thing as asking the
ard for more money would
e in its present condi-
. Just as soon as possible
e indeed need more op-
portunity for the school.
he asked me about Guad-
pira school, I have never
n there and therefore
must speak of what I have

seen. Mrs. Colvin said at the time of the conference there four children were sleeping in one bed. We are not as badly off as that, tho' we have no further time to speak of more than beds.

It is mail time. Please let the ladies see this as I don't want them to think the school is injured, or suffering greatly from what have done.

Yours very sincerely
Mary Dunning
March 5. 1894.

Miss Mary Dunning

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Dr. B. G. Clark
Bound Brook
N.J.

answered

Bound Brook, N.J.
July 2. 1897.

Recd —

Dear Dr. Clark:—

I should have reported myself safe and well in Bound Brook before this, if I have been home nearly two weeks. Miss Holcomb and I came together, by rail to New York, from there by steamer in company with my brother's family. The sea did not trouble us nicely at all therefore I did not have much loss for it. It is just perfectly delightful to be at home once more.

none have been taken from
our immediate family since
I left them six years ago
all are in good health.
My cup certainly ~~is~~ runs
over with blessings, it seems
almost impossible to enjoy
all.

On Wednesday of last week
we had a little missionary
reception, a number of the
neighboring societies were invi-
ted; we had a very pleas-
ant social time, talking of our
and meeting old friends.

I have had two letters
Mrs. Eaton, one enclosed
from from Miss Fellon, & how
Mrs. Eaton had thought

ight, be secured for Chi. to
e Miss. Holcomb's place. But
is going to seem it seems
the fact. And now what
we to do, is the lady you
e spoken of, who knew Span-
still available? I do hope
is. When will we have
second teacher that can
g?

Mrs. Salamanca is going on
ing the summer Mrs. Fitch
a half day session of the
may scholars, some of them
ing during at the mission
e to avoid the hot sun.
nting this we have five
ools going this summer,
he - by Chihuahua school

girls. That is not bad for a se
that is only five years old.
Miss. Ward is very anxious th
I should remain until af
the annual meeting of the
Philadelphia Branch, the
8 October, that is a little
later than I intended to re
main, as I thought to be hom
by that time. Of course
plans are made to come I
fancied Mrs. Holcomb would be
to commence school some time
before I went back. Now I hard
know how it can begin till
am there.

Will you please give this lett
to Mrs. Evans, I have been very b
in not answering her good letter
as often as she has written.

Remembrances to all. Sincerely you

Mary Dunning 238

Westchester Co.

A. L. Beyer Esq. Rye, New York

Sept. 28th. 1894

Dr. C. H. Daniels Recd Oct. 2.

Boston

Mass.

Dear Dr. Daniels:-

I presume you have heard from Chika in regard to the thought they had had there of my continuing my stay for the purpose of studying Kindergarten. Miss Holcomb was a Kindergartner, Miss Hammond knows nothing about it, and wants to think as well as those of Chika. that it would be

a great advantage to the
to have the Kindergarten
tinued. I had thought
it myself, but said nothi
about it as I knew Mrs. C
would have to do some of
work if I did not return,
of course did not know
what she could do or wo
When I ans. her letter
ufance to the Kindergarten
said it would be necessary
place to be supplied for
things, while others could
wait until I was there.
since the work would be too
for Miss H. ammond, and
seem a good plan to over
this as far as I know there

sussiniaiu who do not do it.
Hammond must not-fel
she is to do the work of
Holcomb and myself. The
that Mrs. Eaton does not
must be made up in some
by the older girls or left.
Eaton did not intimate
the Board might do in
and to my salary, whether
would be continued or no.
bably she did not know that
be a good reason for not
ing anything about it. I was
about to close Kindergarten
I was labored with to give it
and go to Chuska as I was.
I had the money to do
with, now I haven't. I want

Yesterday to the Teachers College
Miss Works said, "I am very pa
of missionaries who get a Lifetime
of Kindergarten and then go out to
other stations and set up as ki
dergarten teachers, when they kn
nothing about it." After talking
the faculty she said they would
attempt to give me the course if I
trained till 1st of June, but no
count would they accept me for a
shorter time, they will also make
a reduction, which they will m
in a few days. There may be som
other place where it could be don
in shorter time, but I know
of no place where it is shorter
a year, in the Teachers College
it is two years regular course, and
am very much in sympathy
Miss Works if it is to be done at
it should be well done

Yours sincerely
Mary Dunning

Bound Brook.
Oct. 11- 1894

Dear Dr. Clark;- I have look-
d long for a letter, and just
ceived it to-night.-
It seems to me it is not
understood that my stay-
ng for a few months more
study Kindergarten would
t- increase in any way
e expense of the Board.
I did not- expect any ex-
a expense, simply my
alary which would of
course be paid if I re-
turned. Miss Ham-

nd has been consid-
ed, and said she
ld be glad of my
maining, if the work
ld not be to much
r her. I do not see
w it can be with Mrs.
dons help and the na-
e teachers.
I had made arrange-
nts to study at Pratt
st., because as it would
e of no extra expense to the
ard I did not see how
could be objected, to,
the friends in Ohio.

were willing to have me stay. With my salary continued I could not study if I did not use some money I have of my own. I am very willing to do as the Board wishes, but it would seem to me better to go on after having commenced. I enclose part of a letter from Miss. Holcomb's. Please reply as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely

Mary Dunning

Miss Mary Dunning

Bound Brook, Oct. 11, 1894

Rec'd Oct. 13, 1894

address as above until 21st of Dec. -
Bound Brook N.J.

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J. L. B.
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101 Clinton Ave.
Brooklyn N.Y.
Dec. 5. 1894

Dr James L. Barton
Boston

My dear Dr. Barton:-

I presume I shall be going to Mexico in the first of Jan. and therefore should be thinking of my ticket. I reduced rates can be obtained on the "Shenandoah Limited" via Royal Blue Line I should like to go that way to N. Orleans as my Father and brother are there. I know the Baltimore & Ohio going east to Cincinnati and then south

give reduced fare as I have got that day, but would prefer this other route if there is no difference in expense. From New Orleans I will take the Texas Pacific, over which we came home at half fare.
Whether the ticket can be bought through from New Orleans to El Paso or Chihuahua I don't know. If so I would like three or four days at New Orleans. I think steamers are always allowed at the terminus of any particular rail-road. Of course I pay my own fare and I need it for the permit for half fare.
I have enjoyed my study in Poll Institute work

him I can tell, and until
it might be longer if
we had to be so. But
I considered it is probably
the thing to do to return. I
with much hope I may be
in time in the future to
more of the Kinder-
garten methods, for I am
it is an excellent thing
mission schools. It is found
effected in mission schools
, so I do not know why it
not be in other com-
. Children of three years
must go to school unless it
a Kindergarten, and with
such homes as many of them
have in Mexico it is well to
gin with them as soon as possible.

Miss Mary Dunning.

Brooklyn, Dec. 5, 1894

If in these two months I have taken enough to make one direct twenty-five or thirty children for two hours my day, I shall consider the money well spent, for in the kindergarten I have visited there and at home two teachers to that number are generally there.

I am very glad that I have been so well all the time, have not missed a day except those taken for the Annual Meeting. I hope I may be able to give out with as much zest as I have taken in.

Remembrances to the Woman's Board and other friends.

Yours sincerely

Mary Dunning.

J. L. B.
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Miss Mary Dunning

Bound Brook N.J.
Jan. 15 - 1895

Dear Dr. Balm.

I expect to start for Mexico to-morrow morning. I am later than I expected, as I was sick with a cold for a week and could not attend to my affairs as I wished. I may remain in New Orleans a few days, as my parents are there, but I am as anxious to return to my work as they in Chic. and to have me. They have been worrying at me a little, but I have been as explicit

J. L. B.

as I could considering the delay of a week.

I am well and ready for work, greatly refreshed by my vacation. It has been one continual feast, for which I cannot be thankful enough.

Please thank everybody who has in any way been concerned in my vacation and prolonged stay. I have enjoyed my life in it intensely, and I may say just as much do I enjoy returning.

With kind regards to all

Yours with gratitude

Mary Dunning.

J. L. B.
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Chihuahua
Feb. 2. 1895

Dr. J. L. Barton
Belen.

Dear Dr. Barton:-

I am
in Chih. once more, and
have taken up more or less
of my duties. Miss Ham-
mond has been very consid-
erate of me, in not want-
ing me to resume work all
at once. She has done hardly,
in the past months & I
am glad I am here to
relieve her burden.

You say in your letter that

you are sure that the
line will have a hearty
come for me. Indeed th
did. The girls of the Ev
ing school had made
eight violins of sticks and
for which they manipulate
very well, humming the t
their instruments were su
posed to be playing. They we
all ready and commenced
playing as soon as I appea
I have found them all
Mrs. Calvin quite tired with
added responsibility.

I know that Miss. Hemmen
thinks and I am sure
we can not do justice to the
number of pupils we have

do long for the day when
shall have sufficient
lf to do things as they
ould be done, seeing the
hools here are making great
ogressment, and we must
t be behind.

have commenced the
ndy. with the little ones.
ey of course enjoy it very
uch.

Please remember me to all
e friends at the rooms.
nd tell them I am glad
be at my work again. It
ems almost another world
nor here.

Yours sincerely
Mary Deming

Miss Mary Deming

Chihuahua, Feb. 2, 1895

Miss Mary Dunning 243
Burnt Brook N.J.

J. L. B.
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July 19. 1897.

Rev. J. L. Barton
Boston

Dear Mr. Barton:-

You have
known I come through New
Jersey on my home-coming
with the express purpose of
seeing my father.
I left Chihuahua on Tues-
day July 6th reached New Orleans
on the 9th. where I remained
over Sunday with my brother's
family. On Monday 12th.
started for the North and reached
Burnt Brook on the afternoon
of Wednesday the 14th.
I find my father in a very
weak condition, and it
does not seem that he

an be with us long, tho' he has wonderful ambition.
I had no idea of coming home, tho' I knew Father was very sick until I knew it was his wish, and then I was advised by all to do so and assured by Mr. Garland the President of the Kansas Station, that no exception would be taken to such an action either by the mission or the friends in Boston.
Since my arrival I have been very glad indeed that I came, and am very grateful to all for the privilege of being here at this time. The doctor does not feel that Father will rally from this weak state, but at the same time says he may.
I was very sorry indeed to leave Lizzie. H. Hammond

alone, but if I came it could not be otherwise, as Mr. and Mrs. Ealon are here. I wished to stay until at least one of them returned but that was opposed.

With kind remembrances to all

Yours most sincerely

Mary Dunning.

Miss Mary Dunning 264
Bound Brook. N.J.
July 24. 1897

Rec'd 7-26-97
Ans'd

Dr. J. L. Barton
Boston

Dear Dr. Barton:-

I am very sorry Mr. Howland did not let you know of my coming home. I was very reluctant to come because nothing had been said after the Session of the Board, but as I was assured that all would be well I decided to come. Of course I do not expect to remain longer than the vacation, unless something in the future should happen to keep me longer. Father fails day by day, and it does not seem probable that he

will be with us much long-
er, he has taken little nour-
ish to-day.

Please remember me kindly
to all friends.

Yours truly sincerely
Mary Dunning

Miss Mary Downing

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Pound Brook. N.J.

Aug. 17. 1897.

J. L. B.
Rec'd 8-19-97
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Dr. J. L. Parker
Boston

Dear Dr. Parker:-

I have to-day received a letter from Mrs. Evans, written upon hearing through Mrs. Eaton that Father had gone from us, and I presume you have heard from the same source.

I did not know when coming whether I was

doing right to come or
not, but now I am sure
that I was directed
by an unseen hand.
I can never be thank-
ful enough that I was
permitted to be here.
Father was not only my
father, but my most
delightful friend, the in-
spiration of my mis-
sionary life, and if
I did not know that
what made him such
to me came from what
he received of the
Master I should be

without anchor. Father was a great Bible student and talked and leafleted into the life beyond, till it seems that he had but to slip into another room. To-night he is a week old in that new life, and I wonder how different it is from what he thought. —

I expect to return in the first of Sept. - Will you please send me something I can refer to as missionary P. A. B. in order to obtain

a reduction in pric
of ticket.
I thought when I fi
out it "it will nev
be so hard again". I be
gin to be a little dou
ful about it.
Kind remembrances t
all
Yours Sincerely
Mary Cunning

Miss Mary Drummond 246s
Chinkiang China

L. B.
Rec'd 9-22-97
Ans'd 1-5-98

Sept. 15. 1897

Dr. J. M. Patton
Tokio.

Dear Dr. Patton:- I am again at my post - as you see by date. Arrived on last Friday morning. I was very fortunate in being able to come in port time as the rains have made great havoc with the track in many

parts. Trains have not
been running south of
Lohihualiha, that line
only for a few miles, for
a week and more.
Olive was honeymooning
for it is made by walk-
ing over a bridge.
Some girls had returned
when I arrived &
since more have come
so that now we number
fourteen. There are four
or five more still to
come.
There are so many men

things undone that I
thought absolutely nec-
essary to be done before
the opening of another
year, that it seems our change
to commence just where
I left off.

Well - if I have not done
these things, I don't think
I am myself just where
I was before, for certainly it
is impossible to go down
into the valley and stay
there a while, return and
be as earthy as before.
I shall miss my Father's

letters, a sickly time but the halo of those last days is a sentimental source of strength to me, and somehow, some way - I hope this dear girl here in this distant home may feel its purifying, uplifting influence.

I hope soon to write to Mrs. Means.

Very sincerely yours

Mary Dunning

Miss Mary Dunning 247
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L. B.
Rec'd
Ans'd MAY 15 1899

Chihuahua, Mex.
March 24. 1899

Dr. J. H. Salow.
Boston

Dear Dr. Salow:

I am very much ashamed of myself not to have acknowledged through you or perhaps I might have done so directly to the Author of "Suggestive Illustrations on The Acts of the Apostles." I have read it here and there, not straight through and I am sure it is as delightful as it appears. Very many thanks to the Author, whom I do not

know personally but have known for years through his publications. Miss Hammond's copy is here, and I have not advised her of it, for which I know there is reason for me a certain 'lecture' for her "ps + qs" but to the 9th power - or rather in expressive phrase purple just when she should and as I am at fault for her failure this time - see me -

And now there is also another book - Mr. E. P. Hammonds "Rogers Bonds". For this I am very much obliged. But I can't say I like it, so how can I write to Mr. Hammond about it, as it does suggest we should. Now you read it: Scarcely anything happens from beginning

to end of the book from which there is not a moral or spiritual lesson drawn, and I have always disliked that since I was a little child. If I had an idea that any one was going to talk to me about being good I immediately ran away. And this book is just a series of such talks, and it goes very much against me. Perhaps the matter is with me. The situation puts one in mind of one of my Kindergarten scholars. She was arranging some sticks or blocks and they were very crooked. I said children who make crooked work must be crooked themselves. "Well" she gravely remarked "if the Lord

made me crooked I can't help it." — But I am very much afraid in my own case I have had much to do with the crookedness.

Nearly another school year gone! time does fly so fast. I think it was the 9th of May when Miss. Hammond went north as it is nearly a year since she went.

I have missed her very much, she is a very efficient worker. Miss. Blum has done remarkably well, for she never had had any experience in such a position, and has always had younger scholars.

We have had a very pleasant year in many respects. Miss. Burris is a very pleasant co-worker and the girls have not given any serious trouble

The meetings Dr. Morales held here seemed to help them in their spiritual life and gave them an impulse lasting in its effect. — Then again there seems to be times when it seems as though they had forgotten all they have learned and one would fly away. We have had one severe case of illness, but only one and there has been a great deal of sickness in Chihuahua.

A class of three graduates in June; Maria Holguin, supported by Mission Circle in Montclair, Lilia Armendáiz, supported by S.S. and Endeavor of Second Park Cong. church & Maria Ramos a day scholar.

They are all Christian girls
the former two do respect much
of the last mentioned one
has many difficulties to over
come in her home, and
this may interfere with her
usefulness. as it seems to me
I am particularly happy
in the thought of having
my mother here for some
time. it seems to feel li
ke home. to me it is one of
the "added unto"

. indest remembrances to
all friends

Yours very sincerely

Mary Dunning

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